

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

I support this bill for the obvious reasons:

- Australian shoppers should at minimum be able to identify whether the purchases they make are having a negative impact on another part of the world
- Labelling will give manufacturers an incentive to use other more sustainable products and/or create a sustainable palm oil industry
- And ultimately because the palm oil industry is having possibly the most detrimental effect on the planet that any industry is having today, destroying the habitat of amazing wild animals, crippling the fabric of communities and contributing extensively to co2 emissions and climate change.

But I also support this bill because it's about more than just Orang-utans and rainforests. It's a critical acknowledgement that we live in an infinitely complex interconnected system in our globalised world. We can no longer afford to operate in silos, to take care of our jurisdiction without having an appreciation for the impact we're having elsewhere. The average person today has more power than a King or Queen did a few hundred years ago. The simple choice of food we eat, shoes we wear and phone we use can have a devastating impact on a community in a distant part of the world. We need to realise we are all one on this planet and we will thrive or decline together.

I believe this bill is a step in the right direction and I'm happy to be contacted to present evidence, discuss my thoughts or on any other related issue.

Kind Regards,

Glenn Bartlett