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Dear Sir / Madam

**RE: Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009**

We support the mandatory labelling of palm oil on all product labels for the following reasons:

1. We are highly conscious of the ingredients in the products we consume and utilise and feel we have the right to be fully informed as to the contents so that we may make a fully informed decision about the food products we are eating and purchasing with regard to the health of ourselves and our family. Allowing palm oil to be listed as "vegetable oil" on food packaging is misleading to consumers. Palm oil is considered high in saturated fats and consumers should be made aware if it is used in foods they are eating for health reasons.
2. We are aware of, and highly concerned about, the horrific and unnecessary destruction of the natural habitat of Orang-utan's and support the truthful notification to consumers so that they might make a choice with regard to their support of manufactures that are environmentally responsible.
3. We are concerned by the current situation whereby we are treated as though we have no right to know what ingredients are included in products that we purchase. We feel that access to full disclosure of product ingredient information is our right as consumers, and that only law enforcing mandatory labelling is sufficient to provide full access to this information and ultimate accountability.

Yours truly,

*Kevin & Bonita Newman*