

To whom it concerns.

My name is Jessica Rouse and I am an individual who begs that the rights of these animals should be taken into consideration. There are thousands of Orangutans and tigers being killed and transported to facilities that do not meet their needs everyday because of the Palm oil plantations. This just should not be happening.

In this day and age you would think the people of the world would understand these environmental issues and be concerned. Whats worse still, is although the Australian Government are not involved directly, You are ENCOURAGING this to continue by not having this law amended earlier. This is such a simple thing, To label "Palm oil" on food products instead of sneaky hiding it under the label of "Vegetable oil".

Many people who are seeking a healthier way of life would buy these products without knowing any better. I was DISGUSTED when I discovered that all the food in my pantry, all the cosmetics and beauty products I own are encouraging the destruction of natural habitat of these priceless and beautiful Animals..

I now read every product I buy, making sure that it does not contain Palm Oil, however this is IMPOSSIBLE with food products. If cosmetics and beauty products such as soaps, shampoo, and moisturizer can label "palm oil" then why cant the food industries?

I am not alone with this issue. All my friends have gladly signed the petition, as well with the Facebook fan site "Dont Palm Us Off"

The Australian food companies are being dishonest, and should feel shame. For such a wealthy, beautiful and sustainable country we should all try and better ourselves by showing the community and world that we do not support what is happening.

I hope the senate take this issue seriously because Animal Rights should be taken seriously. Afterall, We are animals ourselves, the only difference is humans are capable of being immoral and moral.. We as the higher intelligent species should care for those who cannot speak up.

- Yours Sincerely.

A person with a heart

( I give this email permission to be used as evidence before a Senate Committee hearing in Canberra )