

Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil Bill 2009

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Dear Senate Committee

I would really like to see foods labelled as detailed as possible. Specifically I want to see food containing palm oil labelled as such - not just labelled as containing vegetable oil.

My reasons for this is so that I and others can make appropriate choices when purchasing foods. Currently it is not clear which foods contain palm oil and which do not. I am aware of the huge palm oil plantations overseas and the loss of important habitat for wild life - particularly endangered wildlife such as the Orangutan in Indonesia. I am aware that a lot of illegal logging and subsequent conversion to palm oil plantation is occurring in high conservation value forests overseas. I do not want to add to this loss of important habitat by purchasing palm oil products.

I urge you to pass this bill so that consumers can make informed choices of the products they are considering purchasing.

Sincerely

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