

SUBMISSION

To Whom it may Concern,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Casino chapter of Coo-eee to voice our concerns on the food labelling inquiry.

Please consider the following points for the labelling of any food and drink packages or containers:

1. All food products, fresh, frozen, canned, processed, etc, must be correctly labelled with the country / ies of origin. We the consumer have the right to know where our food comes from and how much is in each item we purchase.
2. The percentage of imported and Australian content in all manufactured food products should also be clearly marked. Just using the wording "a mixture of imported and Australian produce" is not acceptable.
3. Any processed food made in Australia from imported products should be clearly labelled.
4. Trans fats should be removed from our foods and if this is not possible then this labelling must include that these fats are included. The growing evidence the effects on human health should be more than enough to totally ban these fats.
5. Palm oils should be clearly marked as many consumers are very aware of the damage being done to our environment and the health and well being of the animals, ie orangutans which live in these forests being destroyed for the harvest of palm oil for which there are many harmless substitutes rendering the use of this product obsolete.
6. The use of "use by" and "best by" dates are confusing for many consumers. The "use by" wording is probably the clearer one to use as the consumer can tell at once if the product is still safe enough to be used or not.
7. "Vegetable oils" is not enough information, the types of vegetables oils included in the product needs to be labelled. This will allow the consumer to be aware of the oils used and if there are any health or environmental concerns before purchasing.

Thankyou for alllowing us, the people of Australia, a voice in this very important issue.

Regards,
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Arthur also assisted in the writing of this submission.