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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to communicate my support for the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

For years I have been checking labels with the mistaken certainty that I could tailor my shopping choices to avoid palm oil, for both ethical and health reasons.

I was horrified to discover through a recent news article that Australian food labeling laws do not require manufacturers to specify the kind of 'vegetable oil' they are using.

It is my right as a consumer to know what I am eating.

I therefore commend the proposed bill to the Australian Parliament.

Yours truly,

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