

Submission

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling - Palm Oil) Bill 2009

To whom it may concern.

I support mandatory labelling of all palm oil products as I have heard first hand accounts by air quality control specialists who have recounted the destruction of natural jungle and who have seen the jungle replaced with plantations of palm oil trees in Indonesia.

I have also viewed documentaries showing the plight of the Orang-utans and the local aboriginal people, and seen what happens when the jungle is cleared.

All food and ingredients should be clearly labelled in Australia.

Australians should be able to choose whether their purchases contribute to the loss of an ecosystem and species such as the Orang-utan*

Labelling palm-oil helps to show which food manufacturers are not purchasing ethical sources of palm-oil*

Labelling will help drive a market for a sustainable palm-oil industry that considers the needs of people and wildlife

Frances Overmars