

To Whom it may concern,

I wish to make a submission in relation to the labelling of Australian food products and in particular to the labelling of palm oil.

Expansion of palm oil plantations remains a very significant threat to the environment. For this reason I wish to avoid products containing palm oil and I do not wish to drive unsustainable farming practices such as these. Palm oil is in many items in the supermarket but is usually labelled as 'vegetable oil'. This prevents me from making an ethical decision (as I wish to) and is unacceptable.

The labelling of palm oil on all food products in Australia should be mandated. I support the Inquiry into Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

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