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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to you in regards to the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

It is my understanding that you will be revisiting this bill later this year. I wish to advise you of the importance of Palm Trees in the conservation of the Orangutan and Tiger. Most of the palm oil that ends up in our food is unsustainably harvested. In fact, only eight percent of the global supply of palm oil comes from sustainable RSPO certified sources. A sustainable palm oil industry that does not destroy anymore-virgin rainforest is a reality and would help keep the Orangutan and Tigers habitat safe. This in-turn would keep these two animals from becoming extinct.

The industry just needs to use land that has already been cleared. But right now there isn't the demand for palm oil that is produced this way.

I have a right to know whether the products I buy contain palm oil. However without legislation change, palm oil will remain unlabelled and I just won't know if the food products I'm buying are pushing orangutans to extinction.

Please consider the plights of many Australians and change the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009 so that WE HAVE A CHOICE!

Remember you could also have the choice to purchase items that don't contain Palm Oil, thus in turn helping save animals from becoming extinct.

Please do the right thing and allow everyone to have the choice.

Regards,

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