I would like to make a submission on the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

I support the mandatory labeling of palm oil on food products. I am a part-time employed mother of two and I have a personal interest in this matter.

I want the choice as to what my consumer dollar is contributing to. I do not want to be responsible for deforestation and the subsequent destruction of Orangatan or Tiger habitat.

I have very little power in such matters but I have to feed my children and so food labelling is one way I can see to it that my small dollar can make a difference. At least it will allow me to do what is right. At least I will have the choice.

It is inappropriate that this information is currently witheld from the consumer. I should be able to see exactly what it is I am feeding my children.

Yours sincerely

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