



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

We believe in mandatory food labelling of palm oil as people should have a right to know what they are buying. It is wrong for food manufacturers to continue making money off something which they probably wouldn't if consumers were aware of what they were buying.

The Australian Government should be the ones helping to fix the problems with Orang-utans. Australia and its government have such a powerful voice and this should be used to protect orang-utans. We have been studying this issue at our high school and we feel strongly enough that we would like to take some action at saving the Orang-utans.

At the current rate the entire population of Orang-utans will be fully wiped out in less than 25 years. Up to 50 Orang-utans are killed each week because of expansion of palm oil plantations. Orang-utans are unique and this should be appreciated. Instead, the Australian Government choose to leave consumers in the dark about what they are buying. Consumers are having a massive impact on the population of Orang-utans and they don't even know it.

To the Australian Government we say, please listen to the people you are serving. Please take advantage of your power and make the change to help the Orang-utans. Make palm oil food labelling mandatory.

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