

In relation to the bill Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

I support the mandatory labelling of palm oil because I, like many others, want the ability to choose what we eat and where it comes from and with out accurate information this is impossible. I am strongly opposed to eating palm oil for health, social and economic reasons so if the palm oil is not labelled I will have no choice but to avoid all products labelled with 'vegetable oil' which will dramatically reduce the amount of money I spend on food which is probably good for me but not so good for the agriculture industry, big business or the Australian economy. I personally am not happy with companies using the generic labelling term 'vegetable oil' at all because of the deceptive nature of the term because what it really means is not animal fat, but I for one would much rather eat scones made out of butter (animal fat) then ones made out of palm oil, coconut oil or equally unhealthy and unAustralian oils.

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