

Dear sir/madam.

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

I support the the bill on Food Labelling of Palm Oil put foward by Senators Xenophon, Bob Brown and Joyce on November 26th, 2009. I believe I should have the choice to not purchase products containing Palm Oil, and without strict labelling laws, it is **not** my choice. Current labelling just states "vegetable oil" is in the product, I want to know what "Vegetable oil". I want a choice!

My daughter of 8, brought up the topic of Palm Oil and the Orang -utan's to us and explained how these beautiful animals are loosing their homes, when they don't need to. She then proceeded to check all the food in the pantry and fridge and told us that all the was stated was vegetable oil, Why? When she knew that some of these products did contain Palm Oil from information gathered from various websites.

This is why we are now passionate about labelling laws on Palm Oil. A sthe main food purchaser in the family I want to know what I am buying. I don't want small print and I want to know what the oil is and I have the right to know what I am buying.

My daughter is part of the future generation that may save the animals and the planet from further damage and that which has been done. She has encouraged her class mates and her school to help her on this crusade of hers saving the Orang-utan's.

We ask that you please support the principal issues:

The rights of consumers to be provided with accurate and truthful information to enable them to make an informed choice about the food products they are eating and purchasing;

1. That allowing palm oil to be listed as "vegetable oil" on food packaging is misleading to consumers;
2. That palm oil is considered high in saturated fats and consumers should be made aware if it is used in foods they are eating for health reasons;
3. That the impact of palm oil production on wildlife, specifically Orang-utan's in South East Asia is significant unless it is done sustainably;
4. That sustainable palm oil can be produced with low impact on the environment and wildlife and with better labour laws on plantations; and
5. That manufacturers should be encouraged to use sustainable palm oil in their production process and can subsequently use the status of "Certified Sustainable Palm Oil" as a business benefit.

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009 fully supported by my family and I.

Regards,

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