

24th April 2010

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!

I am 8 years old and told my family about Palm Oil and the Orang -utan's, explaining that these animals, and others are loosing their homes, when they don't need to. I checked all the food in the pantry and fridge and that most with oil stated was vegetable oil, Why? When I know that some of these products do contain Palm Oil from information I have gathered and researched from various websites.

This is why my family and I are now passionate about labelling laws on Palm Oil. I want my mum to know what she is buying from the shop is free from Palm Oil. I want it easy for her to find the information on packaging. I have asked my class and my school to help save the Orang-utan's, sign petitions and make submissions to you by providing them with lots of information about this topic.

Our world is damaged enough and animals are becoming extinct everyday, why can't we find better ways of caring for our planet and animals that live here? Why can't we all live happily together and find alternate ways to make Palm Oil, in a more sustainable way (if it is needed) one which won't harm anyone or any animal.

I 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 supprted by my family and I.

Regards,

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