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To the Community Affairs Legislation Committee,

I am writing in regard to the proposed bill "Inquiry into Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009". I support this bill because I feel, as a consumer; I should have the right to make an informed decision on the food products that I am buying. It is not acceptable to have palm oil labelled under the term "vegetable oil", when palm oil contains high levels of saturated fats that are detrimental to human health. It is also abhorrent that this oil is produced in such an unsustainable way, which poses a very real threat to biodiversity, and a significant contribution to greenhouse gases in our atmosphere. I hope that the committee shall consider these important points when deciding whether to pass this bill.

Thank you for your time in this important matter.

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