

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you in regards to the use of palm oil as an additive in most of our everyday foods. The use of palm oil results in large areas of Borneo's jungles being cleared and burned without regard to the environmental damage it causes. Through this slash and burn approach the lives of the Orangutans are therefore threatened to the point of extinction, I find this unacceptable in an era when we are well educated with regard to other creatures needs. My strong suggestion is that food labelling be revised to highlight the presence of palm oil so that I may make an informed decision on whether to purchase the goods or support the native species.

Sincerely,

Theo Van Schalm