

Please consider this a **submission** re: **the Food Standards Ammendment (Truth in Labeling - Palm Oil) Bill 2009**.

I support the mandatory labelling of palm oil for the following reasons.

The issues surrounding this product are of great significance to environmental protection, species preservation and climate change particularly.

These issues relating to palm oil plantations have grown in the public's awareness over the last few years and a great number of individual consumers

- a. want to make an informed choice to avoid products containing palm oil and
- b. want to make a statement to companies purchasing ingredients for their products, that we do not support the use of palm oil and will boycott their products accordingly.

We live in a democracy and an essential part of a democracy is informed choice. This right is currently denied us.

I think the arguement is strong for the acceptance of this Bill and am very thankful that it has been presented. I would also support a bill for mandatory labeling of palm oil for products beyond food.

Yours sincerely,

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