

Dear Senator,

I write to you in support of the labelling of Palm Oil in products as per the proposed Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling - Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

I believe it is an important right for all Australians to be able to make informed decisions on goods purchased based on the ingredients used in the production of these goods. To group a variety of different oils as vegetable oils is not acceptable and I call for the specific type of vegetable oil to be made clear on products especially when containing Palm Oil.

Palm oil production has been cited as placing profound stress on the essential environment for the threatened Orang-utans and other jungle animals.

As a consumer it is my right to be able to make informed ethical choices on the goods I choose to purchase. Unfortunately the current labelling guidelines are insufficient to allow me and other Australians to do this. Please pass the proposed amendment clearly labelling products as containing palm oil so that I can exercise my democratic right to choose not to purchase these products.

“When you find that anything agrees with reason and is conducive to the good and benefit of one and all then accept it and live up to it.” Buddha

Kind Regards,
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