SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling - Palm Oil) Bill 2010

SUBMISSION

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SUBMITTER

Name and Address Withheld

28th November 2010
To the Senate Committee of Inquiry:
Re: Truth in Labelling: Palm Oil Products

Dear Senators,
I wish to make known my concerns regarding the current lack of choice that Australians currently have when making daily purchases in supermarkets.
I have been disturbed for sometimes that we are kept in the dark with regard to the usage of Palm Oil products. My understanding is that this product is a hidden ingredient which we cannot identify at the moment because it is disguised behind the label of "Vegetable Oil". Surely this lack of disclosure by manufacturers should not be allowed to continue whilst their products are on our shelves for consumption. In this day and age, we the consumer, should have the right to have this information and make ethical choices about where we wish to invest our money around the globe.
I plead with you to move forward with consideration and scrutiny of the current situation and force manufacturers to rethink their part in the destruction of the habitats of many species throughout South East Asia. Only by legislating for truthful labelling of palm oil use, will we be able to make an impact of the devastation that is taking place is these areas.
Please don't leave this important decision for another generation to preside over: It may be too late might then! I implore you to make these changes now while that can be made. The Australian public will back you all the way and eventually through global change you will have left a fantastic legacy for society in years to come.
I have never taken the time to make this kind of submission before such is the depth of my feeling about the issue. Thank you your for consideration.
Yours faithfully