

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO THE FOOD STANDARDS AMENDMENT (TRUTH IN LABELLING-Palm Oil) BILL 2010

As a citizen of Australia, I fully support legislation that would make Palm Oil labeled. This is a new and largely unknown product and the impacts for its use are poorly reported. It is my understanding the damaging effects of Palm Oil have been in the deforestation of tropical rainforests and their subsequent replacement of petrochemicals in substances from skin creams to gumboots. What impacts Palm Oil has on human health is not clear information, however, the right to have a consumer choice about the origins and impacts that a product has needs to be made available. Simply allowing products to have a low cost of sale and yet a high environmental, social and long-term economic cost is irresponsible at this time in human history.

As a concerned member of Australia's future food sovereignty, I welcome the 2010 Bill labeling of Palm Oil.

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