

# **SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

## **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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

## **SUBMISSION**

**SUBMISSION NUMBER: 454**

**SUBMITTER**

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## **Submission to Senate Inquiry:**

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

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Submitted by: Pepper Hewitt

My views regarding the key issues in the Bill are:

1. **Consumers should have the right** to be provided with accurate and truthful information to enable them to make an informed choice about the products they are eating and purchasing;
2. That allowing palm oil to be listed a "vegetable oil" on food packaging **is misleading to consumers**;
3. That the impact of palm oil production on wildlife, specifically Orang-utan's in South East Asia **is significant unless it is done sustainably**;
4. That **sustainable palm oil can be produced** with low impact on the environment and wildlife and with better labour laws on plantations; and,
5. That **manufacturers should be encouraged to use sustainable palm oil** in their production process and subsequently use the status of "Certified Sustainable Palm Oil" under this Bill.

Therefore I would like to put forward this submission in support of the **Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling - Palm Oil) Bill 2010.**