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To the Senate Committee,

I fully support any Bill requiring mandatory labelling of palm oil in food, as I believe consumers should be able to choose to avoid palm oil because of the environmental issues associated with it. Currently it is very difficult for consumers to be able to make such an informed choice as palm oil is often labelled as simply being vegetable oil. While I am far from an expert on the subject I have often seen promoted the fact that harvesting palm oil has devastating environmental effects, particularly for the orang-utan. I know I am not the only consumer who wishes to be able to make food choices with minimal environmental damage. Palm oil labelling will make it a lot easier for consumers to be able to make an appropriate choice and show their disapproval of products with palm oil. While Australia cannot directly change the harvesting of palm oil in Asia, allowing consumers the choice to avoid palm oil products is probably the most successful way the developed world can combat this environmental destruction.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to write a submission.

Yours sincerely,

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