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To whom it may Concern,

I am writing in regards to the Senate enquiry into Palm Oil labelling.

Currently, as you would know, the legislation does not require any specific labelling of the use of Palm Oil. As a consumer of beauty/personal products, food & other products that may contain Palm Oil, I wish to know what is in these products. In order for me to make an informed choice about companies, supermarkets & the environment I need to know all of the details of what is in products.

The mass deforestation, carbon pollution and decimation of native animals in particular orang-utans is of concern to me. I feel that it is a right that I have as a consumer to know the full details of products and to not be blinded by technical terms or miss representation of the inclusion of Palm Oil in products that I may buy.

Clear listing of all ingredients is important to me. The plight of orang-utans is also very important to me as if we destroy their native environment and they go the way of the dodo bird then what impact does that have on the human race. Biodiversity is essential for the survival of all species.

I can only make an informed choice if I am given ALL of the information.

By changing the ANZAS regulations for food labelling this will give myself and other the opportunity to make informed choices about the products that we consume, the companies we buy from and the environmental impact that we can reduce.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey to the senate committee my feelings, opinions & concerns for Palm Oil labelling.

Regards,

Nicole Downes