

Dear Senators

As submissions for the Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil Bill close tomorrow, I wish to reiterate my strong support for this legislation.

It is recognized that loss of rainforests in Indonesia and Malaysia represents a major threat to wildlife, in particular Orang-utans in Sumatra and Borneo. And despite statements to the contrary from those governments, forests continue to be cleared for planting oil palms. This is simply not necessary, as large areas of already cleared land are available for this now.

I recognize that palm oil is a reality and I am not calling for this product to be banned. What I do urge most strongly, however, is that palm oil is produced sustainably and that this is labeled on products sold in Australia that contain this ingredient. I therefore ask you to present that recommendation to the Australian parliament in this "Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil Bill".

I thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Chris Banks