Palm Oil Action Group (POAG)

Petition for Compulsory Labelling of Palm Oil Ingredients

To The Honourable President and members of the Senate in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the undersigned shows:

We wish to express our concern for the use of palm oil in Australia and the current policy on the labelling of palm oil in products. The use of palm oil is associated with serious environmental consequences in Indonesia and Malaysia. Primary rainforest is being cleared to make way for palm oil plantations, destroying the habitat of highly endangered species like the orangutan. Of additional concern are the health issues related to the consumption of palm oil, which is high in saturated fat. Palm oil is often labelled on ingredient lists as a generic 'vegetable oil', limiting the ability of consumers to make informed purchases. We feel that this breaches the Regulatory Objectives of the Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ). FSANZ must provide for the protection of public health and safety by providing adequate information relating to food, thereby enabling consumers to make informed choices.

Your petitioners request that the Senate:

- **Implement policies to ensure the labelling of products containing palm oil.**
- **Work for a certification system for sustainable palm oil, and regulate to prevent the import of non-certified palm oil.**
- **Support the Indonesian Government in stopping the clearance of primary forest.**

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