

How can I make a difference?



Small actions can make a big difference. Here are ten simple ways you can help protect our plants, animals and Aussie way of life:

Follow the rules at borders

Declare all food, plant material and animal products when entering Australia or travelling between states.

Don't bring pests home

Check your shoes, gear and luggage for soil, seeds or insects after travelling, camping or visiting farms.

Be a backyard inspector

Look out for unusual pests, diseases or weeds in your garden or on your pets.

Report anything suspicious to:

☎ Exotic Plant Pest Hotline: 1800 084 881

☎ Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888

Buy local, not overseas

Avoid purchasing plants, seeds or food from unregulated international sellers.

If you shop online, choose reputable suppliers who meet Australian biosecurity standards.

Clean your gear

Wash down bikes, boats, fishing gear, work tools and vehicles before moving between properties or environments.

Respect farm biosecurity signs

Obey "Restricted Access" signs on farms and follow hygiene protocols when visiting rural properties.

Educate your kids

Help the next generation understand why biosecurity matters.

The [Youth Biosecurity Training Hub](#) offers fun, age-appropriate resources, games and activities that make learning engaging.

Don't dump garden waste in the bush

It can introduce invasive weeds and pests into native ecosystems.

Report illegal imports

If you suspect suspicious shipments or see exotic pets or plants being sold illegally, report it to [Border Watch](#) or local authorities.

Learn more about biosecurity

The [National Biosecurity Training Hub](#) offers free, easy-to-access courses for all Australians.



Clean it, check it, report it, respect it.

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