



Anticipation exercise: True or false

Australia’s national environment law, the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) regulates movements of animals, plants and products to and from Australia. The Act helps to protect the environment from risks associated with the international movement of wildlife. It is also how Australia meets its obligations under CITES, an international agreement to regulate wildlife trade between countries.

Look at the following statements and decide whether they are true or false under the current Australian EPBC Act.

1. I can bring ivory into Australia.
2. I can sell live Australian native birds overseas.
3. All pets can be brought into Australia.
4. Permits are required to import and export some animals and plants into and out of Australia.
5. I can buy any overseas animals or reptiles online and keep them in Australia.
6. As a tourist, I can bring all items I bought overseas into Australia.
7. Some antiques require an import or export permit if they contain CITES listed animal or plant extracts.
8. Kangaroo skins and their derived products can be exported from Australia.
9. If you are found possessing an illegally imported specimen or the offspring of such specimens, you will not be fined or imprisoned.
10. Importing or exporting a regulated specimen without an authorisation (permit) or exemption will result in imprisonment for 10 years or a AU\$222,000 fine or both.
