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Aquarium animals make great pets, but they can become freshwater pests if they get into rivers, creeks, lakes and wetlands, as can aquarium plants.

Be a responsible pet owner. Help stop freshwater pests in Victoria's waterways.

Follow these tips:

• Own permitted plants and animals only.

• Buy pets and plants from licensed retailers to help stop illegal import and trade.

• Never release aquarium pets or contents into or near waterways, or down toilets or drains.

 Take care when cleaning aquariums to prevent water, animals, plants and sediment from ending up in waterways.

 Rehome or dispose of unwanted aquarium pets correctly and humanely – contact a veterinarian or pet retailer for guidance.

• Don't use unwanted pets as fishing bait.

• Dispose of unwanted plants and cuttings in the bin.

• Don't compost plants, because their seeds and other plant parts may spread.

 Adhere to rules in the Fisheries Act 1995, Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986.

For further information about freshwater pests, please call the Victorian Government on **136 186** or visit:

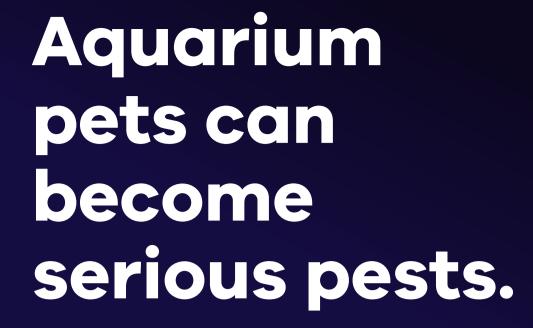
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