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If you're an interstate visitor you would be wise not to buy a plant in Western Australia in the hope of taking it back home, unless you're prepared to take the time to pass it through some tight scrutiny.

All States and Territories have quarantine regulations to prevent the spread of exotic pests and diseases. Western Australia is lucky in that it actually has far fewer pests and diseases than most other parts of Australia, but it does have some little nasties which other States wouldn't welcome!

As a result, plants, bulbs, tubers, cuttings, cut flowers and soil can't be taken across the border unless they've been certified by Quarantine WA or are covered by an approved Quality Assurance arrangement organised through Quarantine WA.

Although the above procedures are more commonly used by commercial clients such as production nurseries they can also be applied to private consignments of goods, so if you've fallen in love with a plant purchased in Western Australia, ring the number listed below to hear what steps you should take for clearance.

Of course, we're not for a moment suggesting that the plant you were considering buying isn't pest-free, perfectly healthy and growing in clean potting mix anyway.

The problem is that quarantine inspectors at border checkpoints can't tell this is so by just looking at it, because if dangers were present they could be microscopic insect eggs or fungal spores. This is why inspectors have to confiscate all plants carried by travellers returning home from Western Australia unless those plants have been certified.

For enquiries Freecall 1800 084 881.