# Xylella

* Australia’s number one priority plant pest is *Xylella fastidiosa*.
* Xylella causes devastating disease in a wide range of plant species.
* This includes many of the crops that we rely on for food and fibre.
* Xylella can infect over 350 native, commercial, and ornamental plant species, including wine grapes, olives and fruit and nut trees.
* There is no cure for Xylella.
* Xylella is spreading around the world and it has had a damaging impact on olive trees and orchards in other countries.
* If it arrived in Australia, the consequences would be devastating for our industries, our economy and the environment.
* The most likely way that Xylella could make its way to Australia is in infected plant material, or on specific insects that carry and spread Xylella.
* As our number one priority plant pest, it is imperative that this disease is kept away from our shores.
* We have biosecurity officers, detector dogs and x-ray machines at our borders to ensure that hosts plants and insects that carry Xylella do not arrive with cargo, mail, or passengers.
* A National Xylella coordinator has been appointed and a Xylella national action plan is being implemented.
* And R&D projects are being funded to support early detection of Xylella if it was to arrive in Australia.
* You can do your part by not bringing, sending or purchasing plants from overseas and by keeping an eye out and reporting any plant health risks.

(TEXT AT THE END: Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)