

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bXfDBbdqgk> (0:00 – 4:07)

This is a recent news item from BBC World News discussing a government report on the state of Australia's environment.

- 1) What is unique about the decline of animal species in Australia?
 - a) It is more serious than previously expected
 - b) It is the worst in the world
 - c) More mammalian species are now extinct compared to Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe.
 - d) It has worsened considerably only in the last five years
- 2) What is meant by: "It makes for very grim reading"?
 - a) The report is very dense and complex
 - b) The report is depressing
 - c) The report is short and to the point
 - d) The report is in depth and worth reading
- 3) What is her point about the chapter on the 2019-2020 bushfires?
 - a) They were the most catastrophic on record
 - b) They are the only reason the Australian nature is where it is
 - c) They could have been avoided with proper climate policy
 - d) While a disaster, it is only a part of the bigger picture
- 4) Why does she mention the bandicoot?
 - a) To draw attention to the fact that it is both endangered and endemic
 - b) It is cute and familiar so people can relate
 - c) It recently disappeared
 - d) There are conservationist and environmentalist programs already in place to protect it
- 5) What is her initial comment on the Australian government?
 - a) It is likely the government will start to take action, but nothing is certain
 - b) They are making many promises, but none will come to fruition
 - c) It is their fault Australia is in dire straits
 - d) It is already too late for the government to take action
- 6) What is the point about fuel?
 - a) The government is phasing in natural gas projects to replace fossil fuels
 - b) The government is phasing out fossil fuels despite how important they are
 - c) Too many projects for non-environmentally friendly fuels are still being approved
 - d) Solutions can only come from national governments
- 7) What is the problem for the platypus?
 - a) They are drowning in extreme floods
 - b) Their habitats are disappearing
 - c) They are elusive and can't hide from predators

- d) They cannot survive in +40°C temperatures
- 8) What is a danger for koala populations?
- a) Land clearing and tree felling
 - b) Loss of food
 - c) Drought
 - d) Increasing number of tourists wanting to see them in the wild
- 9) Why does she mention the Bogong moth?
- a) They are found in the Bogong mountains that were burnt by the bushfires
 - b) They are as endangered as the other mammals
 - c) There are not enough left to repopulate
 - d) Insects are a fundamental part of the food chain
- 10) What is her concluding remark?
- a) It is already too late to act
 - b) Urgent action is required before 2030
 - c) Many species cannot be saved
 - d) True change will come at the international level