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As a Class 2 licence holder In the past I think the laws are good they just need to be executed electronically better and better delegated across particular stakeholders.

For example, scuba schools international is a learning platform for divers that is sold to a diver who wants to extend their knowledge of diving beyond snorkelling. Under the program, the students are affiliated with a dive school which is the body the students pay, the classes are taught before they engage in potentially dangerous forms of diving (eg deep diver or night diver).

This would enable potential reptile owners to be affiliated with a pet store and undertake online and practical learning to further their understanding of reptiles.

Pet stores (or other authorised persons) can test applicants who wish to obtain an exotic pet reviewing their knowledge and even looking over their enclosure and equipment and handling skills to ensure animals are going to a safe and competent home.

I know lots of young enthusiasts who want the information but have no where to go. I understand its a large onus on the government to oversee these processes themselves but there is a large enough interest in Australian wildlife to nurture a responsible industry.