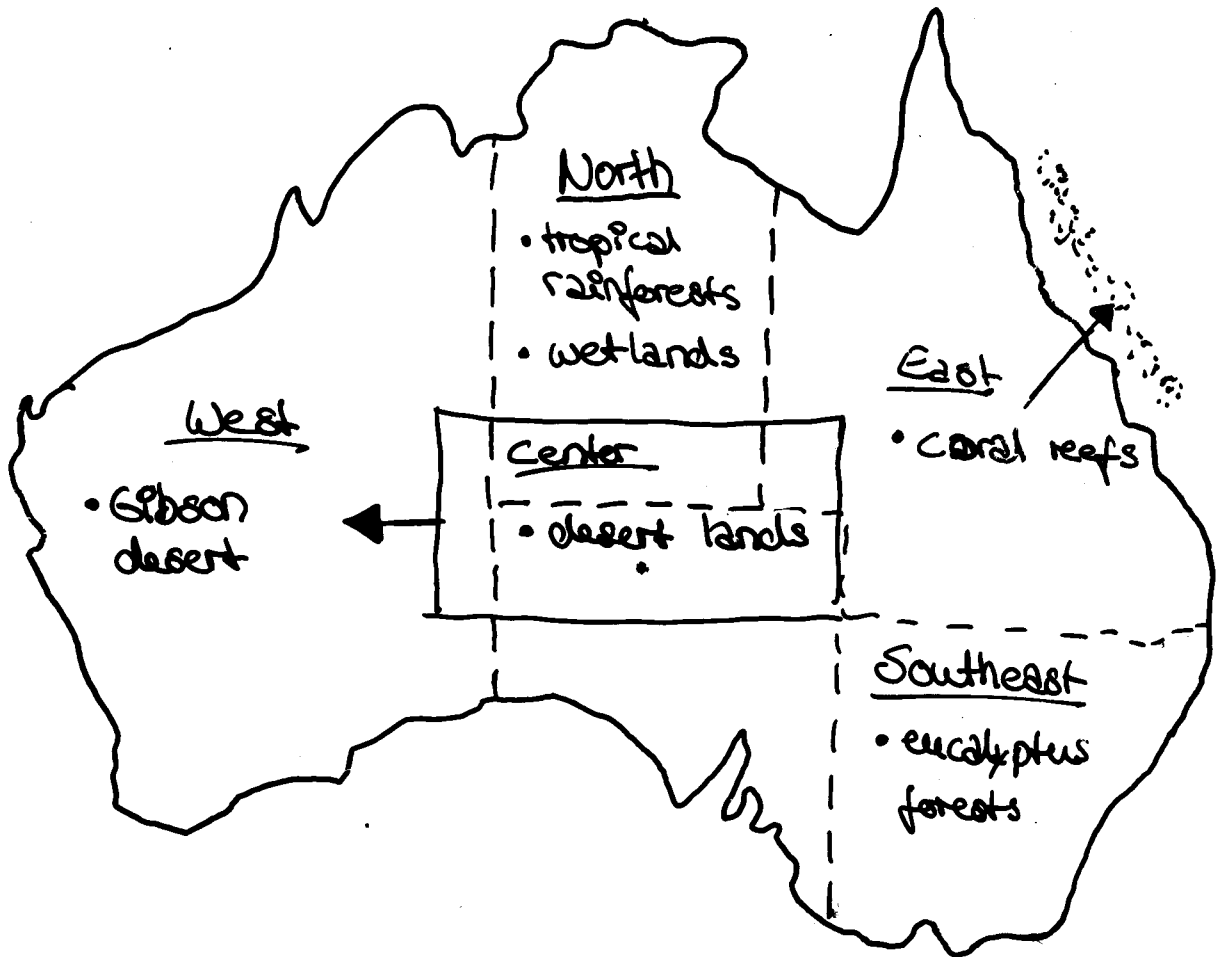


Australia - Environmental Issues & conservation



- In the past farmers and ranchers settled down and destroyed the balance of the plant and animal life.
- Already in the 1800s conservationists began to protect the environment.

For example reefs, wilderness and the West Tropics have been preserved.

- Groups like Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and the Wildlife Society ~~active~~ raise public awareness, influence government policy and battle big business interests.
- Today there are more than 500 national parks.