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**Senator Rhiannon asked:**

With regard to the 80 rhinos to be imported to Australia from South Africa

Is there a plan to dehorn the animals? i. If not, does this mean dehorning the animals is unequivocally ruled out from the outset?

If dehorning is a possibility, what is the disposal plan for the horn? i. Will removed horns be destroyed or stockpiled?

ii. If stockpiled, to what end and what security measures (costed) will be put in place to prevent them being stolen?

**Answer:**

The Department has not received a permit application for the import of these rhinoceros. The Department is not aware of any zoos in Australia dehorning their rhinoceros.