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Blast of 46,000 year old Aboriginal site

Year:

2020

Companies:

Rio Tinto

Relevant subjects:

Violations of Indigenous Peoples' rights

Countries:

Australia

Original sources:

Name	Year	Link
Rio Tinto - Juukan Gorge	2020	URL
Rio Tinto - Parliament Australia Interim report	2020	URL
Rio Tinto - Timeline Rio Tinto's sacred Indigenous caves blast scandal	2020	URL
Rio Tinto - Heads roll over sacred Aboriginal site destruction	2020	URL
Rio Tinto - Chiefs lose millions	2020	URL
Rio Tinto - Owners of cave not informed of other mine plans	2020	URL
Rio Tinto - Review into sacred caves blast	2020	URL
Rio Tinto - Chief says sorry for sacred caves blast	2020	URL
Rio Tinto - Blast of a 46,000-year-old Aboriginal site	2020	URL

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