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Senator Stott-Despoja asked on 17 November 2003

Question:

Were the Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta's concerns about the repository taken into consideration?

Answer:

Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta

Yes. Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta members participated in heritage clearance inspections undertaken in the Woomera region for the national repository. Many potentially suitable sites for the national repository in central-north South Australia were not investigated because of Aboriginal heritage concerns. Site 40a and its associated access route were given heritage clearances for the construction and operation of the national repository by the Aboriginal groups concerned.