

Earthquake explorers

Indigenous perspectives curriculum links

Explore

Lesson 2 Energetic earthquakes

- Contact the local Indigenous Land Council or cultural heritage centre to make contact with local Indigenous community members. Consult with them about Indigenous knowledge of earthquakes.
- In consultation with local Indigenous community members and/or Indigenous education officers, investigate traditional Indigenous housing and discuss how it might be more appropriate for earthquake prone areas than modern buildings.
- The Awabakal Indigenous people who live in the Newcastle region have a story about a kangaroo which makes the ground shake. Explore this story and Indigenous stories that relate to natural phenomena in your local area.

Explain

Lesson 4 Explaining earthquakes

- Ask students to interview a local Indigenous community member or an Indigenous education officer about traditional knowledge of earthquakes. Students might like to present their interview as part of their 'seismologist' report in Lesson 7.