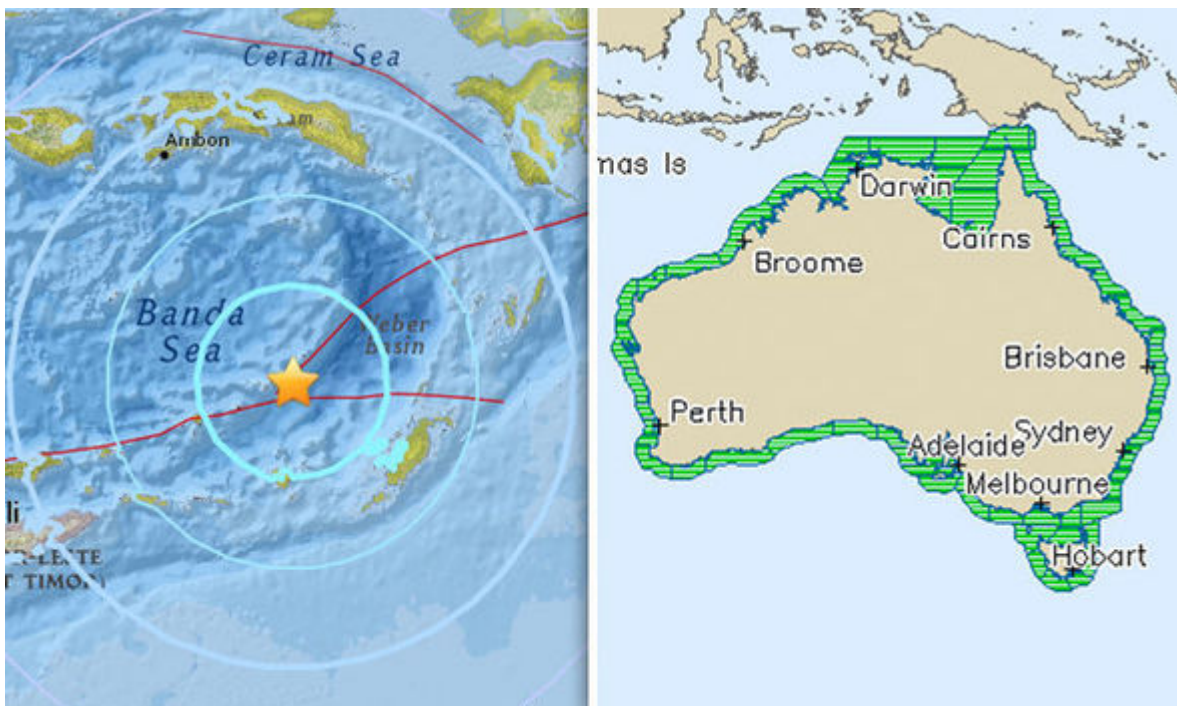


# Australia earthquake: 6.6 quake in Banda Sea shakes Darwin - 'Largest by FAR'

AN EARTHQUAKE has rattled Australia, waking residents of Darwin hundreds of miles from the epicentre in the Banda Sea of Indonesia.



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Australia was rattled by a 6.6 magnitude earthquake which hit the Banda Sea in Indonesia.

Residents in Darwin, hundreds of miles from the epicentre, reported shaking strong enough to wake people from their sleep.

One resident reported to EMSC earthquake tracker: "Largest, by far, of any tremor I have felt in the past.

"Woke me from my sleep due to bed shaking. Lasted between 45-60 seconds. I live in a modern 8 story apartment building."

A resident of Nightcliffe, Australia, said: "Building shook and everything rattled."

And a resident of Lyons, Australia said: "Cupboard doors in my bedroom rattled quite furiously and woke me up, my family got up at the same time and said it also woke them up."

Other residents of Darwin took to Twitter to express their shock.

One said: "Wow, what a wake up call!"

Another said: "Just felt the biggest earthquake yet in Darwin, decent amount of shaking and noise. More than a little bit concerning being in a top floor apartment."

A third said: "Anyone in Darwin just wake up to their bed shaking?"

A testimonies of the quake were also left on EMSC from residents living on the Banda Sea, including in Timor-Leste and in Indonesia itself.

The earthquake struck at a depth of 106 miles, the US Geological Society report.

They said the quake hit at 6.14am local time (9.42pm BST).

EMSC said the earthquake was felt for up to 500km from the epicentre due to its depth.

It said 840,000 people lived in the 'felt area'.



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Australia earthquake: No tsunami threat has been issued following the earthquake felt in Darwin.

No tsunami threat has been issued for Australia, including its island territories, following the quake.

The country's Bureau of Meteorology tweeted: "No tsunami threat to Australia from earthquake felt in Darwin."

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