

Early Morning Earth Tremor

A slight earth tremor shook Canberra early this morning, waking many residents and rattling crockery and windows.

No damage was reported. The tremor was felt about 5 a.m.

Residents described it as "like a long clap of thunder." It could be heard approaching the city and later moving away.

At the height of the tremor crockery on shelves rattled, pictures shifted on walls and windows were shaken.

A spokesman for the geophysical section of the Australian National University said the tremor had been recorded on the department's instruments at Mount Stromlo.

It has been only slight, he said.

Probably it was centred about 10 or 15 miles from Canberra.

The exact centre would not be known until information on the tremor from Snowy Mountains stations and stations elsewhere in N.S.W. was received.

Tremors were not uncommon in Canberra, he said. The city was on the fringe of a minor seismic belt which was one of the most active in Australia.