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A 5.9 magnitude earthquake struck central Australia early on Saturday, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS).

The earthquake was felt at Uluru and surrounding resorts, homes and businesses.

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Map of where an earthquake struck in the early hours of May 21. Photo: United States Geological Survey

The Joint Australian Tsunami Warning Centre said the quake was reported as being felt near Kaltjiti (also known as Fregon) in South Australia and Yulara, near Uluru, in the Northern Territory.

It reported the quake as hitting at 4.14am (AEST), with an initial magnitude of 6.1..