• the effects of unpredictable and/or abrupt environmental changes resulting in localised extinction and speciation, or ecosystem shock, with reference to at least one example from the following events: floods, droughts, fire, earthquake, volcanic activity, the emergence of new diseases and/or rapid erosion events.

Case Studies

Choose one of the following to address the dot point. Your case study should include the following elements;

- (i) Name the threatened species.
- (ii) Identify the current habitat of this species.
- (iii) Identify the environmental event(s) that have contributed to the threat to this species.
- (iv) Identify the impact of (iii) on this species in terms of extinction, speciation of ecosystem shock.

https://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/threatened-species/endangered/endangered-animals/eastern bristlebird.html

http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10510

Now, research a second example of your own choice. The web sites below are a good place to start looking. Try to chose a case study that involves a threat related to the events listed below;

- √ flood
- √ drought
- √ fire
- √ earthquake
- √ volcanic activity
- √ the emergence of a new disease
- √ rapid erosion events

http://www.australianscience.com.au/

http://www.sciencealert.com/

https://www.sciencedaily.com/