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with Phillip Adams
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Australia Moves North

Summary

At a distance of about 6.5 centimetres a year, Australia is the world's fastest moving continent. It's heading north on its Indo-Australian Plate, which stretches to New Zealand, the Himalayas, Tonga and Papua New Guinea. Tasmania has risen about 30m out of the ocean over the last 100,000 years, a brief period in geological terms. And we have more earthquakes in Australia than north-western Europe, much of Africa and South America.

These are some of the things geologist Mike Sandiford told the delegates at the 17th Australian Geological Convention being held in Hobart all this week.

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