# **Describe the Impacts of a Geohazard – Example = Earthquake - ANSWERS**

#### **Economic Impacts**

- \* Businesses having to relocate, close, lose of income
- \* Disruptions to supply
- \* Cordons reducing accessibility to businesses
- \* Building/repairs
- \* Delays in reinstating infrastructure
- \* Cost to Government, insurance companies and EQC
- \* Aftershocks continuing to disrupt the inner city
- \*Reduced tourism
- \*Building boom

# **Environmental Impacts**

- \* Contaminated waterways from sewage
- \*Liquefaction, lateral spreading
- \*Land and rock slides
- \* Waste from demolition
- \* Disruptions to waste management



## **Personal Impacts**

- \*Phychological impact of the main earthquake
- \* Continued aftershocks causing concern
- \* Stress leading to increased domestic violence
- \* Trauma caused if house has been condemned or damaged
- \* Fear of future earthquakes
- \*Changes in risk perception

## **Social impacts**

- \* Reduced access to shops
- \* Disruptions to transport networks
- \* Disruptions as repairs to buildings, houses and infrastructure continue
- \* Less consumer spending/confidence
- \*Greater need for support services
- \*Shortage of builders