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Urban Sprawl

Urban sprawl is the term given to urban areas which spread out over surrounding natural habitat and farmland. In Australia, urban sprawl usually occurs in the small suburban areas, because of cheap land and people's expectations of wanting a better lifestyle or job opportunities.

Urban sprawl however causes environmental issues such as the destruction of wetlands and coastal dunes because coastal real estate is highly sought after.

Write down another environmental effect of urban sprawl.

When areas become more populated, new dams and/or aquifers need to be established to supply the huge water demands us humans need. Did you know that Australia has one of the world's highest total water consumption rates per person and it is the driest populated continent?

For each of the following pictures, give a short explanation of how each one effects the environment positively and negatively.








