

Customer Service Advice from Telstra

Extreme Weather events impact service in Southeast Coast District of Queensland and Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast Districts of New South Wales.

As previously notified by Telstra on Tuesday 31 March 2015, Telstra's normal operations in the Southeast Coast District of Queensland and Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast Districts of New South Wales have been affected by extreme weather events on or about Thursday 19 February 2015 through to Sunday 22 February 2015.

Telstra's telecommunications network in these areas have experienced high levels of damage that has resulted in delays to installation and repair activities on a significant number of Telstra services. Due to the extent of damage to the Telstra network, the impact in the affected region has been greater than initially estimated, and as a consequence of the ongoing weather effects, the expected recovery date has now been further extended to 24 May 2015.

Telstra has identified that the effect of these circumstances may apply to an additional 6,800 services bringing the total number of potential services impacted to approximately 22,900 services. This number may increase as Telstra assesses the full affect of the extreme weather conditions.

Based on current information, the resumption date of normal service operations is expected to be 24 May 2015. This date is indicative only; Telstra customers should anticipate that some further delays may occur. Telstra regrets any inconvenience caused to customers and thanks them for their patience while this work is being undertaken.

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Telstra services encompassed in this exemption are; in the area bounded by and including, but is not limited to the area starting at Redland Bay in Queensland following the coastline south past Surfers Paradise, Tweed Heads, Ballina, Coffs Harbour, and Port Macquarie to Crowdy Head, then northwest through Comboyne, Yarras to Yarrowitch. The area then heads north to Moona Plains and northeast to Ebor and east to Bellingen. From Bellingen the area turns northwest past Megan and Pinkett to Bonshaw. Following the Queensland-NSW border east and then crossing the border at Koreelah, the area heads northwest to Goomburra, northeast past Willowbank to Sunnybank Hills and east back to Redland Bay. All suburbs and towns, off shore islands and coastal areas serviced by Telstra within these boundaries are encompassed in this exemption.

Services in the area mentioned above with phone numbers in the following number ranges may have been affected:

02 5524 0000	To	02 5525 5999	07 3489 0000	To	07 3498 6999
02 5620 0000	To	02 5622 8999	07 3800 0000	To	07 3809 9999
02 6538 0000	To	02 6538 3999	07 3826 0000	To	07 3827 9999
02 6550 3000	To	02 6569 9999	07 3884 2000	To	07 3884 9999
02 6580 0000	To	02 6604 9999	07 5410 0000	To	07 5410 8999
02 6618 0000	To	02 6692 2999	07 5460 6000	To	07 5469 9999
02 6730 0000	To	02 6739 5999	07 5500 0000	To	07 5599 9999
07 3200 0000	To	07 3209 5999	07 5618 2000	To	07 5618 7999

07 3287 0000	To	07 3299 9999	07 5644 0000	To	07 5644 9999
07 3380 0000	To	07 3387 9999	07 5656 0000	To	07 5665 9999
07 3440 1000	To	07 3451 8999	07 5689 1000	To	07 5689 1999

As these circumstances were outside of Telstra's control, Telstra is claiming an exemption from compliance with time frames and performance standards required under the *Telecommunications (Customer Service Guarantee) Standard 2011*. Therefore Telstra is notifying customers that normal installation and repair time frames may not be met during the period from **23 February 2015** to **24 May 2015** inclusive (based on Telstra's estimated recovery schedule correct at the time of publication of this notice) and, under section 21 of the *Telecommunications (Customer Service Guarantee) Standard 2011*, Telstra will be exempt from complying with performance standards during this period.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility for a CSG payment under this notice, or would like us to reconsider whether the circumstances were a proper basis for claiming an exemption, you may contact us on the number displayed on your telephone account or alternatively on 132203 for service difficulties and faults or 132200 for sales, installations and billing- quoting CSG Exemption reference number **20150223-QLD-E-C-P-SOUTHEAST QLD AND NORTHERN NSW**.

Copies of this notice are available on our Internet site at <http://telstra.com.au/abouttelstra/commitments/mass-service-disruption/> or you may request a copy by calling one of the Telstra numbers mentioned above.

If, after calling Telstra on one of the above numbers, you remain unsatisfied with our response to your query, you have the option of raising the matter with the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO). Information on the TIO and contact details are available on the Internet (www.tio.com.au) and in the White Pages® telephone directory.

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