

Customer Service Advice from Telstra

Extreme Weather events impact service in North West Coast, Central North, North East, Central Plateau, Midlands, East Coast, Upper Derwent Valley and Southeast Districts and part of the Western District of Tasmania.

As previously notified by Telstra on Wednesday 3 February 2016, Telstra's normal operations in the North West Coast, Central North, North East, Central Plateau, Midlands, East Coast, Upper Derwent Valley and Southeast Districts and part of the Western District of Tasmania were affected by a series of extreme weather events on or about Friday 29 January 2016. Telstra's telecommunications network in these areas have experienced high levels of damage that 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 continued weather effects, the expected recovery date has now been extended to 13 March 2016.

Telstra has identified that the effect of these circumstances applies to an additional 1,350 services bringing the total number of services impacted to approximately 3,150 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 13 March 2016. 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.

Telstra services encompassed in this exemption are in the area bounded by and including, but not limited to, the area starting at Ansons Bay on the east coast of Tasmania following the coastline clockwise around Southern Tasmania to South Cape. From South Cape the area heads north past Ouse to Waddamana then west to Derwent Bridge. The area then heads northwest to Trial Harbour and follows the coastline clockwise back to Ansons 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:

03 6208 0000	To	03 6298 9999	03 6471 5000	To	03 6473 9999
03 6323 0000	To	03 6399 3999	03 6490 0000	To	03 6498 9999
03 6420 2000	To	03 6458 9999			

As these circumstances were outside of Telstra's control, Telstra is claiming an extension to time frames applying under the *Telecommunications (Customer Service Guarantee) Standard 2011*. This means that Telstra is notifying customers that normal service time frames may not be met during the period of **29 January 2016 to 13 March 2016** inclusive (based on Telstra's estimated recovery schedule correct at the time of publication of this notice).

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 **20160129-TAS-S-C-P-TASMANIA**.

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 you are still not satisfied with the outcome, you have the option to raise 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® directory.

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