

Customer Service Advice from Telstra

Severe Weather events impact service in parts of the Adelaide Metropolitan District and Mount Lofty Ranges of South Australia.

Telstra is working to manage the significant impact to Telstra services that has occurred as a result of a series of severe weather events in parts of the Adelaide Metropolitan District and Mount Lofty Ranges of South Australia on or about Thursday 8 September 2016.

Due to the effect of damage to the Telstra telecommunications network by severe thunderstorms, there has been a significant increase in the number of Telstra services being reported as faulty. As a result, there has been some disruption to service and delays to normal installation and repair activities.

Telstra apologises to any affected customers.

Information as to the nature of these severe weather events can be sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). Heavy rainfall and flash flooding are referred to in the BOM Severe Weather Warning issued for 8 September 2016 initially at 6:58 pm Thursday, 8 September 2016, reference number IDS65500; all of which were widely reported in the news media after the events.

Telstra has identified that the effect of these circumstances may apply to approximately 2,000 services. Some of these services may not be installed or repaired within Telstra's standard time frames. The number of possibly affected services may increase or decrease as Telstra assesses the full effect of the severe weather conditions. Based on current information, the resumption date of Telstra's normal service operations is expected to be 2 October 2016. This date is indicative only, however, and may be subject to change once the full impact of the extreme weather conditions has been assessed. 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 Middle Beach then heading northeast past Kangaroo Flat to Seppeltsfield then southeast to Mount Pleasant. From Mount Pleasant the area turns southwest to Mount Barker, west to Cherry Gardens, northeast to Rostrevor and southwest to Henley Beach then following the coastline back to Middle Beach. 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:

08 7285 0000	To	08 7285 8999	08 8182 8000	To	08 8189 9999
08 7383 0000	To	08 7383 9999	08 8200 2000	To	08 8314 7999
08 8100 2000	To	08 8100 3999	08 8331 5000	To	08 8424 9599
08 8113 0600	To	08 8116 6499	08 8440 1400	To	08 8449 9999
08 8130 0000	To	08 8139 9999	08 8520 0000	To	08 8527 5999
08 8150 2200	To	08 8169 9999	08 8560 3000	To	08 8568 5999

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 **9 September 2016** to **2 October 2016** 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 **20160909-SA-S-C-P-ADELAIDE AND SURROUNDING AREA**.

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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