

## Customer Service Advice from Telstra.

### **Severe Weather events impact service in Sydney Metropolitan District and parts of the Illawarra, South Coast and Central Tablelands Districts.**

As previously notified by Telstra on Monday 13 February 2017, Telstra's normal operations in the Sydney Metropolitan District and parts of the Illawarra, South Coast and Central Tablelands Districts of New South Wales were affected by a series of extreme weather events on or about Thursday 7 February 2017. 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 26 March 2017.

Telstra has identified that the effect of these circumstances applies to an additional 14,080 services bringing the total number of services impacted to approximately 28,500 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 26 March 2017. 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 is not limited to, the area starting at Palm Beach following the coastline south past Sydney and Cronulla to Bundeena. From Bundeena the area heads west to Engadine, north to Picnic Point, and northwest to Wetherill Park then southwest to Austral. The area turns northwest to Wallacia, north to Hawkesbury Heights then east to Rouse Hill. From Rouse Hill the area heads north to Maraylya, southeast to Hornsby Heights then northeast back to Palm Beach. All suburbs and towns, including metropolitan Sydney, 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 4572 0000	To	02 4582 9999	02 8633 1000	To	02 8633 9999
02 4720 1000	To	02 4737 9999	02 8665 4000	To	02 8665 4899
02 4752 3100	To	02 4752 3399	02 8700 0000	To	02 8888 9999
02 4776 0000	To	02 4777 9999	02 8899 0000	To	02 8925 9999
02 8204 0200	To	02 8204 6899	02 8962 0000	To	02 8978 9999
02 8217 1300	To	02 8306 9999	02 9030 0000	To	02 9031 9999
02 8332 0000	To	02 8399 9999	02 9111 0000	To	02 9111 9999
02 8422 0000	To	02 8448 9999	02 9130 0000	To	02 9130 9999
02 8467 0000	To	02 8467 9999	02 9144 1000	To	02 9153 9999
02 8508 0000	To	02 8543 9999	02 9181 0000	To	02 9181 5999
02 8558 0000	To	02 8596 9999	02 9200 0000	To	02 9999 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 **8 February 2017** to **26 March 2017**

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 20170208-NSW-S-C-P-SYDNEY AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

Copies of this notice are available on our Internet site at <http://www.telstra.com.au/consumer-advice/customer-service/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](http://www.tio.com.au)) and in the White Pages® directory.

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