

Customer Service Advice from Telstra

Delay due to extreme weather events in parts of the Carpentaria, Arnhem and Barkly Districts of the Northern Territory.

As previously notified by Telstra on 27 March 2019, parts of Carpentaria, Arnhem and Barkly Districts of the Northern Territory were impacted by extreme weather caused by Tropical Cyclone Trevor on or about Thursday 21 March 2019 through to Sunday 24 March 2019. This event resulted in extensive damage to Telstra's telecommunications network. 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 5 May 2019.

The effect of these circumstances applies to an additional 100 services bringing the total number of services impacted to approximately 300 services. This number may increase as Telstra assesses the full effect of the extreme weather conditions. Based on current information, the resumption date of normal service operations is expected to be 5 May 2019. This date is indicative only; Telstra customers should anticipate that some further delays may occur.

Telstra services encompassed in this exemption are in the area bounded by and including, but are not limited to the area starting at Numbulwar following the coastline south easterly past Port McArthur to the Northern Territory/Queensland border then turning south and following the border to the Sandover Hwy. The area heads west to Ali Curung, southwest to Willowra, northwest to Top Springs, and northeast to Barunga then east back to Numbulwar. All suburbs, towns, off shore islands and coastal areas serviced by Telstra within these boundaries are encompassed in this exemption.

How will this affect you?

Unfortunately your service may be affected and we may take longer than normal to fix telephone services or complete connections. Services in the area mentioned above with phone numbers in the following number ranges may have been affected:

08 7969 1000 **To** 08 7978 9999 08 8956 9500 **To** 08 8996 6999

We're sorry for any inconvenience this delay may cause but we can assure you we are working hard to get things back on track.

What else do you need to know?

Information as to the nature of the extreme weather events caused by Tropical Cyclone Trevor, which included heavy rainfall and very destructive winds which occurred in the affected regions can be sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). The BOM issued Severe Weather Warnings regarding these events commencing from on or about Thursday 21 March 2019 through to Sunday 24 March 2019. Additionally these unusually severe weather events have been widely reported by most of the news media.

Due to this event, we're claiming an exemption under section 21 of the *Telecommunications (Customer Service Guarantee) Standard 2011*, including an exemption from the payment of compensation between **25 March 2019 to 5 May 2019** inclusive for any delays in fixing or connecting services, and the keeping of appointments relating to these activities in the impacted area.

Need more information?

For any questions about your service, the CSG exemption or to ask us to reconsider whether the circumstances are a proper basis for claiming the exemption, please call anytime on 132203* for service difficulties and faults or 132200* for sales, installations and billing. When calling please quote reference number **20190325-NT-S-C-P-TROPICAL CYCLONE TREVOR**. If our response doesn't satisfy you, then you may wish to contact the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO).

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