

Customer Service Advice from Telstra

Delay due to extreme weather events in the Tiwi, Arnhem and Daly Districts of the Northern Territory.

The Tiwi, Arnhem and Daly Districts of the Northern Territory were impacted by extreme weather on or about Wednesday 8 January 2020 through to Saturday 11 January 2020.

An interruption to Telstra's normal operations has occurred leading to delays in installation and repair activities. As many as 300 Telstra services are impacted in the area bounded by and including, but not limited to, the area starting at Gunn Point and following the Northern Territory coastline east past Maningrida, Milingimbi and Nhulumbuy to Numbulwar. From Numbulwar the area heads northwest to Mt Catt, west to Douglas Hot Springs then southwest to Claravale. The area turns northwest past Wadeye to the Northern Territory coastline and following the coastline clockwise past Darwin back to Gunn Point. 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 8920 0000 **To** 08 8953 1799 08 8963 5000 **To** 08 8999 9999

We anticipate that the majority of services will be restored by 9 February 2020. 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 these extreme weather events can be sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). Heavy rainfall, localised flooding and gales are referred to in the BOM Severe Weather Warning issued for 8 January 2020 initially at 4:35 am ACST Wednesday 08 January 2020, reference number IDD20250; all of which were widely reported in the news media after the events.

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 **13 January 2020 to 9 February 2020** 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 **20200113-NT-S-C-P-NORTHERN TERRITORY TOP END REGION**. If our response doesn't satisfy you, then you may wish to contact the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO).

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