

Customer Service Advice from Telstra

Delay due to severe weather events in Southeast Coast and Wide Bay and Burnett Districts and part of Darling Downs and Granite Belt District of Queensland.

As previously notified by Telstra on Friday 8 October 2021, the Southeast Coast and Wide Bay and Burnett Districts and part of Darling Downs and Granite Belt District of Queensland were impacted by severe weather on or about Wednesday 29 September 2021 through to Friday 1 October 2021. 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 28 November 2021.

The effect of these circumstances applies to an additional 550 services bringing the total number of services impacted to approximately 1,700 services. This number may increase as Telstra assesses the full effect of the severe weather conditions. Based on current information, the resumption date of normal service operations is expected to be 28 November 2021. 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 Springs Beach following the coastline south past Hervey Bay, Noosa Heads to Decker Park then west to Samsonvale. From Samsonvale the area heads southwest to Aratula, southeast to Mount Lindesay, south to the QLD/NSW border and following the border westerly past Goondiwindi to Talwood Boonanga Rd. The area turns northwest to North Talwood, northeast to The Gums then northeast past Durah to Ban Ban Springs. From Ban Ban springs the area heads northwest to Boyne Valley then northeast back to Springs Beach. All suburbs and towns, offshore 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:

07 3203 0000	To	07 3205 4199	07 4303 2000	To	07 4303 4999
07 3283 0000	To	07 3293 9999	07 4324 8000	To	07 4331 8999
07 3384 1200	To	07 3385 9999	07 4565 3000	To	07 4578 2999
07 3400 0000	To	07 3425 9999	07 4592 5000	To	07 4596 9999
07 3478 4000	To	07 3491 9999	07 4612 0000	To	07 4639 9999
07 3817 7000	To	07 3817 9999	07 4650 9000	To	07 4699 9999
07 3880 0000	To	07 3897 8999	07 5321 0000	To	07 5373 9999
07 4120 0000	To	07 4133 9999	07 5390 0000	To	07 5390 9999
07 4150 0000	To	07 4199 7999	07 5401 0000	To	07 5499 9999

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 severe weather events, which included heavy rainfall, destructive winds and giant hailstones 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 Wednesday 29 September 2021 through to Friday 1 October 2021. 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 **1 October 2021 to 28 November 2021** 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 **20211001-QLD-E-C-P-SOUTHEAST QLD AND SURROUNDING AREAS**. If our response doesn't satisfy you, then you may wish to contact the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO).

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