

Customer Service Guarantee Exemption Advice – 20260116-QLD-E-C-I-NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND DISTRICTS

Parts of the Shire of Carpentaria, Mount Isa City Council, Issacs Regional Council and Banana Shire local government areas for Queensland were impacted by severe storms resulting in heavy rainfall, localised flooding and road closures between 16th January 2026 to 19th January 2026. These weather conditions meet one or more of the criteria specified in Schedule 3 of the Telecommunications (Customer Service Guarantee) Standard 2023.

An interruption to Telstra's normal operations has occurred leading to delays in installation and repair activities. We estimate that as many as 9 Telstra services may be impacted.

Services in the areas mentioned above with phone numbers in the following number ranges may have been affected:

- 07 4437 0000 **To** 07 4448 2999
- 07 4740 0000 **To** 07 4749 9999
- 07 4762 0000 **To** 07 4777 4599

How will this affect you?

We anticipate that most services will be restored by 20th February 2026. 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.

In the event this timeframe is extended, a revised notification will be provided.

What else do you need to know?

Due to the extreme weather conditions, we're claiming an exemption under section 24 of the Telecommunications (Customer Service Guarantee) Standard 2023, including an exemption from the payment of compensation between 16th January 2026 to 20th February 2026 inclusive for any delays in fixing or connecting services, and the keeping of appointments relating to these activities in the impacted area.

The exemption process is explained in sections 24–30 of the *Telecommunications (Customer Service Guarantee) Standard 2023*, which can be found on the [Australian Government, Federal Register of Legislation](#) website.

What's next?

You don't need to do anything. We're doing all we can to return to normal operating standards.

To request a copy of the CSG exemption notice, or, 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 132200.

To report a service disruption or fault, please call 132203.

If you're not satisfied with this exemption or our approach to your request, you can contact the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman.