Customer Service Guarantee Exemption Advice – 20241018-VIC-S-C-I-CENTRAL VIC DISTRICTS

Parts of the North Country, North Central, North East and Central Districts for Victoria were impacted by severe thunderstorms resulting in large hail, hazardous winds and heavy rainfall between 18th October 2024 to 21st October 2024.

An interruption to Telstra's normal operations has occurred leading to delays in installation and repair activities. We estimate that as many as 154 Telstra services may be impacted.

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

- 02 6020 0000 **To** 02 6081 9999
- 02 6092 0000 **To** 02 6092 6999
- 02 6940 0000 **To** 02 6948 5999
- 02 6982 2000 **To** 02 6982 6999
- 03 4808 7000 **To** 03 4808 7999
- 03 5150 8000 **To** 03 5159 6999
- 03 5178 3000 **To** 03 5178 3999
- 03 5431 0000 **To** 03 5433 5999
- 03 5720 0000 **To** 03 5736 9999
- 03 5750 1000 **To** 03 5799 9999
- 03 5826 1000 **To** 03 5826 7999
- 03 5957 5000 **To** 03 5966 8499

How will this affect you?

We anticipate that most services will be restored by 8th November 2024. 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 18th October 2024 to 8th November 2024 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.