

Customer Service Guarantee Exemption Advice – 20250115-NSW-E-C-I-HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST DISTRICTS

The Newcastle, Hunter, Lake Macquarie and Central Coast Districts for New South Wales were impacted by severe thunderstorms resulting in heavy rainfall exceeding the 10 Year average, hail with diameter greater than 2 centimetres, gale force winds and cloud to ground lightning strikes between 15th January 2025 to 16th January 2025.

An interruption to Telstra’s normal operations has occurred leading to delays in installation and repair activities. We estimate that as many as 209 Telstra services may be impacted.

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

- 02 4004 6000 To 02 4015 9999
- 02 4028 0000 To 02 4088 7999
- 02 4306 8000 To 02 4306 9999
- 02 4320 0000 To 02 4399 9999
- 02 4902 0000 To 02 4999 9999
- 02 5593 8000 To 02 5594 5999
- 02 6520 0000 To 02 6526 9999
- 02 6540 0000 To 02 6549 9999
- 02 6570 0000 To 02 6579 9999
- 02 9973 8000 To 02 9973 8999
- 02 9985 0000 To 02 9985 9999

How will this affect you?

We anticipate that most services will be restored by 14th February 2025. 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 15th January 2025 to 14th February 2025 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.