Customer Service Guarantee Exemption Advice – 20240404-NSW-E-C-I-HAWKSBURY AND HUNTER DISTRICTS

We've previously advised of an interruption to Telstra's normal operations, due to parts of the Hawksbury and Hunter Regions for New South Wales were impacted by severe thunderstorms resulting in heavy rainfall, flash flooding and road closures between 04th April 2024 to 06th April 2024.

We are continuing to experience ongoing delays in installation and repair activities due to this event We estimate that as many as 298 Telstra services may be impacted.

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

- 02 4014 0000 **To** 02 4015 9999
- 02 4028 0000 **To** 02 4052 7999
- 02 4088 0000 **To** 02 4088 7999
- 02 4560 0000 **To** 02 4588 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 9652 0000 **To** 02 9652 9999

How will this affect you?

We anticipate that most services will be restored by 27th May 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 04th April 2024 to 27th May 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.