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October storm update

TasNetworks crews have been working extremely hard today to restore power outages caused by savage weather overnight and this morning.

TasNetworks CEO Seàn Mc Goldrick said while the worst of the weather had passed, the focus remained on making the network safe, minimising impact and prioritising restoration to public facilities like hospitals and nursing homes.

"The good news is that we've started making very good progress as the weather's eased," Dr Mc Goldrick said.

"From a peak this morning of more than 20,000 affected customers, we've reduced that to about 9600 now, which reflects very hard work by our 30-odd crews and 20 contractors, as well as innovative switching solutions in our Control Room.

"We will endeavour to continue to restore customers as soon as possible."

Dr Mc Goldrick said as we head into tonight and the weekend, crews would continually work to restore power as quickly and as safely as possible.

"While we can do a lot to restore some of the larger outages this will then leave the smaller, more isolated, complex and inaccessible faults and damage to repair in coming days," he said.

"However, because our network's very strong, resilient and well-maintained, we hope to limit the longest outages to a few days. We continue to recommend customers in more rural and remote areas to prepare now for the possibility of days and nights without power."

TasNetworks encourages any customers with special needs, who can't endure a multi-day outage without support, to reach-out to the relevant support services.

"While we will do our best to restore power and communicate early and often with our customers, it will take us some time to identify exactly which outages are isolated, complex or inaccessible, and contact those affected. So, if in doubt, we ask that you please prepare," Dr Mc Goldrick said.

"I would like to thank our customers for their patience during this time. Your patience and understanding is really appreciated. I'd also like to thank our field crews for the many hard committed hours they are putting in, amid awful conditions, to restore Tasmanians' power."

TasNetworks cancelled all planned work in preparation for the potential storm damage and had 30 crews available with an additional 20 contractors brought in to support. However, safety was always at front of mind.

"Our crews are extremely committed but can only work in safe conditions and need to consider factors like wind, lightning, fatigue and available light", Dr Mc Goldrick said.

"When conditions are not safe to start repairs, crews will make assets safe and return once conditions improve."

Most importantly TasNetworks reminded customers to please stay at least 10 metres clear of any fallen powerlines or other damage and to report any outages we are not already aware of by calling 132 004.

In the meantime, TasNetworks will continue to provide updates through our website, Facebook page and ABC Radio as information becomes available.

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