

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **STORMS CAUSE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS ACROSS VICTORIA**

Victoria's electricity distribution businesses and the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) advise that due to storm activity, electricity supply interruptions have occurred across Victoria.

As at 9pm, approximately 100,000 Victorian electricity consumers are affected by power outages as a result of these supply disruptions.

The major areas affected are northern and north-eastern Victoria, in particular the Bendigo, Shepparton, Mildura, Benalla and Cranbourne regions. Crews are working around the clock to reduce these numbers as soon as safely possible.

AEMO, as the national power system operator, will continue to provide media with a state-wide overview of the situation on behalf of the Victorian electricity supply industry, until conditions improve.

Media inquiries regarding specific power outages or areas affected should be directed to the appropriate electricity distribution business listed below.

Electricity safety matters should be directed to Energy Safe Victoria.

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