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Crews continuing to restore power as damaging weather continues

SA Power Networks has all available crews responding to extensive wind and tree-related damage to the electricity distribution network, particularly in the Adelaide Hills and southern Fleurieu.

The current estimate (at 11am) is that about 30,000 residential and business customers are without power.

“We are dealing with widespread and significant damage and difficult conditions, including very strong winds and slippery and boggy ground, all of which are hampering restoration and repair work,” said Paul Roberts, spokesman for SA Power Networks.

“Significant reconstruction is required at multiple sites as we are rebuilding sections of the network that have been smashed by trees and tree limbs,” he said.

“Given the major nature of the work required and the difficult conditions being confronted by crews, customers should be prepared for long-duration power outages. We understand customers would be keen to get power back on in today’s very cold weather and are doing everything we can.”

Additional crews and support staff have been mobilised to assist local teams in the Adelaide Hills which have borne the brunt of the extreme weather.

Customers can keep a track of expected restoration times via our website – or if they opt for updates when reporting outages to 13 13 66. Restoration times are estimates and may change as priorities change.

“As we work through the outages we will update information on current interruptions,” Mr Roberts said.

“I trust customers will understand the scale of restoration work required, given the highly visible extent of the damage that has occurred, and the many hours of repair work required.

“For their safety, customers should stay clear of any downed power lines and report them to us immediately on 13 13 66.”

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