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Crews continuing to restore power following widespread damage to electricity distribution network

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

Preliminary estimates suggest multiple outages affected at least 125,000 residential and business premises as a storm with winds of up to 120kmh moved down through the centre of the State earlier today.

It is estimated some 60,000 of these customers will be without power well into tomorrow.

SA Power Networks spokesman Paul Roberts said customers who were currently without power should plan on the basis they will be without power overnight and well into Thursday. Some customers may be without power until Friday.

"We recommend customers currently without power make alternative arrangements and consider what they will do without electricity supply well into tomorrow.

"In responding to more than 1,200 separate jobs, our restoration efforts have been delayed by the need to address safety risks associated with reports of more than 350 wires down.

"Given the widespread and significant extent of damage, this is a major restoration operation," Mr Roberts said.

"We have mobilised all our available crews and have sought assistance from interstate. Crews will be working through the night to continue restoring power.

"We also are conscious another significant front is heading our way with forecast damaging winds."

Customers can keep a track of expected restoration times via the SA Power Networks website – where they can register for SMS updates.

Restoration times are an estimate based on current information, and are updated as new information becomes available.

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