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Crews restore power as ETSA prepares for more severe weather

ETSA Utilities has dispatched additional crews to help restore electricity supplies after lightning and high winds hit the State late yesterday and early today.

The widespread nature of the interruptions – involving about 15,000 customers across South Australia – was caused by strong winds and in excess of 50,000 lightning strikes over the past 24 hours.

The Eyre Peninsula was one of the worst affected areas, with customers in Elliston, Streaky Bay, Cleve, Tumbly Bay, Wudinna, Cummins and Port Lincoln among those experiencing power interruptions.

A helicopter patrol has joined several crews on the Eyre Peninsula patrolling lines to locate a fault that has left about 500 customers in Elliston without power since early today.

The severe weather conditions were also felt across the Yorke Peninsula, Upper and Mid North, Mount Lofty Ranges and the Fleurieu Peninsula.

The Bureau of Meteorology has also issued a thunderstorm warning for people in the Riverland, Murraylands and parts of the Flinders, Mid North and Northeast Pastoral districts for the next few hours.

ETSA Utilities has prepared the network for the extreme weather conditions and has extra crews on standby.

Customers are assured that any power interruptions will be restored as soon as it is safe to do so. If customers experience an interruption, they should switch off all electrical appliances until their electricity is restored.

The latest information on power interruptions is available by telephoning 13 13 66 or visiting our website at www.etsautilities.com.au

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About ETSA Utilities

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