

Wide Bay crews to assist storm-hit suburbs

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Ergon Energy crews from Bundaberg, the Fraser Coast and South Burnett are rushing to Brisbane to assist Energex to restore power after yesterday's ferocious storms.

Energex has described the storms as the worst in more than 20 years and tens of thousands of customers remain without power.

Ergon Energy Manager Regional Services Craig Harris said 28 staff members had been mobilised to support their colleagues from Energex.

"The two power distribution businesses have a standing arrangement to assist each other in situations such as this and we are pleased that our crews will be able to assist to restore power to Brisbane people more quickly," he said.

"All Ergon Energy staff will be working from Energex's Kelvin Grove depot, which is in the hardest hit area.

"They will be on the ground today and will stay overnight if required to assist again tomorrow."

Mr Harris said the crews working in Brisbane would include eight from Bundaberg, six each from Murgon and Hervey Bay, five from Kingaroy and two from Toowoomba, plus a work group leader from Proston to co-ordinate their response.

"Most of the crews are coming from the Wide Bay-Burnett region because those in the Darling Downs areas are still mopping up from the storms that hit there yesterday afternoon as well," he said.

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