

## Transformer fire cuts Kingaroy power supply

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A fire damaged a transformer at the Kingaroy substation on Friday afternoon and interrupted the power supply to almost 3500 Ergon Energy customers.

The transformer was supplying customers on three feeder lines when crews working on powerlines near the substation heard an explosion about 4.10pm on Friday.

Fire crews were called to the site to assist Ergon Energy crews gain access so supply could be restored to customers in Kingaroy, Kumbia, Ellesmere and Wooroolin.

Supply to these customers was progressively switched to two other feeders from 6.45pm and power was restored to all customers before 9.30pm.

Specialist substation crews will assess the best way to deal with the damaged transformer.

Later on Friday night, about 370 customers in the Dulong South and Gordonbrook areas had their supply interrupted about 10.50pm due to storm damage.

Power was restored to about 70 customers at 12.30am, while full restoration was achieved at 8.30am after crews had removed a tree from high-voltage powerlines and then repaired a downed power pole in another area.

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