



Media statement
11.00pm, 9 July 2014

High voltage power outage in north Christchurch

A fault on a high voltage 66kV line from Islington to Papanui resulted in the loss of power to approximately 30,000 customers in north and north-west Christchurch at 9.30pm tonight. At 11pm, 19,000 customers remain without power.

Orion has restored supply to over 10,000 customers since the fault began by switching supply from other parts of the electricity network to the affected area. Switching continues and it is expected that power will return to more customers shortly.

A number of crews are working to establish the cause of the outage. At this stage it is believed there is only one fault on the line.

As Orion continues to examine the line, no time for the restoration of power to all customers can be given.

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About Orion

Orion New Zealand Limited:

- owns and operates the electricity distribution network in central Canterbury between the Waimakariri and Rakaia rivers
- distributes electricity to more than 190,000 homes and businesses
- is owned by the Christchurch City Council (89.3%) and the Selwyn District Council (10.7%).