



Protecting the most vulnerable from power outages

The Victorian Government's Powerline Bushfire Safety Program provided \$40 million for back-up generators to be installed in residential care facilities throughout rural and regional Victoria.

The Local Infrastructure Assistance Fund (LIAF) was used to reduce the impact of future power outages on the most vulnerable people by providing facility operators with funds to install back-up diesel generators.

The LIAF generators will ensure that facilities are able to maintain the continuous supply of power to their residents where power outages occur.

The funding was delivered through a staged process and was available to residential care facilities that met the eligibility criteria.

Eligible residential care facilities included aged care, supported residential services, disability, mental health, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities.

Facilities that met the criteria received funding to cover the costs of purchasing and installing a generator.

Priority was being given to facilities in areas most likely to be impacted by the revised powerline network safety settings.

The LIAF has accelerated its rollout between 2013-2017, achieving installation of 343 generators across 55 eligible Local Government Areas, protecting almost 16,000 vulnerable Victorians.



The program and power outages

Why is the program protecting vulnerable people from the impact of power outages?

The Powerline Bushfire Safety Program is introducing new:

- powerlines and protection technologies to electricity distribution networks
- settings for distribution networks, that will apply on Total Fire Ban days.

The purpose of the LIAF was to help maintain the supply of power to vulnerable Victorians, particularly on Total Fire Ban days, when power outages are more likely to occur.

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