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### *Orion customers stay connected in the Kimberley*

The Orion satellite solution has proven its robustness yet again following flood damage that knocked out mobile and landlines in Derby, Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing and Wyndham early this week.

While it was reported that up to four and half thousand land based services were affected by the flood damage, customers using Orion's satellite solution have continued to enjoy uninterrupted telephone and broadband internet services.

Managing Director of Orion Satellite Systems, Mr Andrew Johnson said that the Orion solution is designed to withstand the harsh and unpredictable weather conditions that businesses regularly experience in the North West.

"While the integrated telephony / broadband satellite service is ideal as a redundancy for situations where terrestrial services fail, many of our customers use our integrated service as their primary communications network because terrestrial infrastructure simply is not available in their area" Mr Johnson said.

Orion has also successfully deployed and operates similar services in the remote areas of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands - a true testament to the utility and application of the Orion solution.

Orion is a provider of comprehensive telecommunications solutions, focusing primarily on developing innovative approaches to communications challenges that cannot be met by terrestrial solutions. The Orion satellite network is based on the highly successful satellite communications technology developed and operated by HughesNet™ in the United States.

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