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**THE ELECTRICITY OUTAGES AFFECTING FAR WEST NSW IN OCTOBER
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I was affected in 2 main ways.

1. With the power outage at my place of residence there was the inconvenience, food loss as well as the unstable power destroying my modem/router. We were able to claim the entitlements that were provided. The pop up centre in Beryl Street was a great idea even though for a while it was inundated.

2. I also run a Short Term Rental Accommodation property in Broken Hill. For this there is just a guess to whether there would have been less income due to the outages and the government asking for people not to travel to the region. I did make an enquiry for the business payment relating to this accommodation property, the reply being that it was only set up for businesses and as I do not have an ABN I did not qualify.

I do think that this is an oversight when the relief payments were designed. For Short Term Rental I have to do more than just get an ABN. I have to still register for a STRA number to operate, all platforms for listing I have to provide the STRA number to be listed and I have to provide the income and associated costs for my Tax Returns. I do not know why there was no consideration for STRA properties as even though it is not a business in the ABN sense it is in the STRA obligations.

Kind Regards.