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## Submission Cover Sheet

### Inquiry into West Belconnen supercell thunderstorm

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## **SUPERCELL THUNDERSTORM IN CANBERRA ON 3 JANUARY 2022 AT APPROXIMATELY 5 PM**

My name is Ethel Pooley. My address is [REDACTED]

Note: I am an elderly person 85 + years old who lives alone.

I am interested in the above submission as I had no electricity for three days. My home is all electric.

No power means, no lights, no way to cook any meals, no hot water to have a cup of tea, no NBN therefore no phone. I don't have a Mobile Phone therefore I was left stranded.

The only outside information I had was a battery radio. At no time did I hear any information about when a time frame for [REDACTED] electricity would be restored. Most other suburbs were frequently mentioned.

I had to crawl into bed before dark, as the only light I had was a torch which was running out of power.

I lost all my frozen food as there were no frozen ice in Belconnen area. I always cooked extra food and put in the deep freezer to use when I was feeling unwell.

The arrangement by the Minister for people to get help at a fire station came too late. When a lot of suburbs were hit surely the ACT Government should have taken immediate action.

Residents in [REDACTED] cleared the fallen branches from across the road and the wood was sawn up and taken away. Rubbish branches from the supercell thunderstorm was finally cleared and taken away on 24 March 2022 from the [REDACTED] Park.

The ACT Government really don't get it as usual, as no help was forthcoming.

My phone number is [REDACTED]