



# Media statement

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## Basslink has returned to service

Basslink today announced that the electricity interconnector has returned to service ahead of its expected return to service date of 14 June 2016. Basslink Telecoms (the fibre optic cable) recommenced service on Friday 10 June.

Basslink resumed operation at 11.51am, exporting/importing power at 112 MWh.

Chief Executive of Basslink Malcolm Eccles said he was delighted that the interconnector's service was successfully restored.

"We are pleased to resume normal operations," said Mr Eccles.

"I would like to thank our repair team for their hard work and commitment over the past six months," he said. "I would also like to thank Alcatel-Lucent, Prysmian and the Basslink operational team, lead by Joska Ferencz and Mark Shilliday."

Regarding the cause of the fault, Mr Eccles said that examinations into fault diagnosis are still ongoing.

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The Basslink Interconnector enhances security of supply on both sides of Bass Strait; protecting Tasmania against the risk of drought-constrained energy shortages while providing Victoria and southern states with secure renewable energy during times of peak demand. The Basslink Interconnector is the world's second longest undersea electricity cable. Owned by Keppel Infrastructure Trust, Basslink delivers excellence in the areas of safety, reliability and performance.

Basslink has a number of fibre optic assets which carry high speed telecommunication traffic. Basslink Telecoms offers a range of wholesale transmission services between Tasmania and Victoria.