



Media statement

10 April 2018

Revision of Basslink's return to service date

We refer to the media statement dated 28 March 2018 on the ongoing repair and anticipated return to service date of the Basslink Interconnector.

We have repaired a high-pressure system within a piece of equipment at the Victorian converter station. To return the interconnector to service, we require specialised expertise and equipment to be brought in to re-pressurise this equipment. It is a highly technical exercise.

The equipment was damaged by a third-party contractor during routine works. There is no damage to the cable itself.

For the past week, Basslink has worked around the clock in liaison with its manufacturing partners to develop a repair and re-pressurisation procedure, source the necessary people and equipment, and finalise all associated logistics. While discussion around a number of these aspects continues, based on the latest available information, the anticipated return to service date has been revised to 31 May 2018.

Despite Basslink's frustration with this date, the Basslink team is looking at every possible opportunity to expedite the return to service date.

The Basslink telecoms cable providing broadband services to internet service providers continues to operate.

This incident is unrelated to the outage in December 2015 and the ongoing dispute with the State of Tasmania.

Basslink will continue to update and advise its key stakeholders on the developments, as well as focus its efforts on repairing the equipment. Media updates will be provided when there are new developments.

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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.