



Media statement

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Basslink cable failure investigation completed

As previously stated, Hydro Tasmania and the State of Tasmania made certain allegations about the Basslink subsea cable.

Further to the State of Tasmania's claim against Basslink, Cable Consulting International (CCI), the international cable experts appointed to independently investigate the cable failure that led to the December 2015 outage of the Basslink interconnector, recently completed a further independent investigation and report into the cable failure (CCI Report). CCI is a UK-based firm regarded as one of the world's leading submarine power cable experts.

The exact cause of the subsea cable failure that led to the December 2015 outage of the Basslink interconnector continues to be described as a 'cause unknown' by CCI, entirely refuting the allegations made by Hydro Tasmania and the State of Tasmania.

Basslink has provided the complete CCI Report to Hydro Tasmania and the State of Tasmania.

Basslink has consistently maintained its position that the cable failure was a Force Majeure Event under the Basslink Services Agreement (BSA) and Basslink Operations Agreement (BOA). The recent CCI Report further supports Basslink's view that the cable failure was a Force Majeure Event under the BSA and BOA.

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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.