



Media statement

28 December 2017

Hydro Tasmania comments misleading

On 22 December 2017, Hydro Tasmania issued a statement which made reference to its “*offer to pay full facility payments until 31 March 2018*” while Basslink reviews reports released by Hydro Tasmania earlier this week. This statement is misleading.

Basslink rejects any suggestion by Hydro Tasmania that Hydro Tasmania is entitled to any reduction in the facility fee or associated payments under the Basslink Services Agreement as a result of Basslink’s operation of the Basslink Facilities at 500MW continuous rating as required by good electricity industry practice.

Contractually, Hydro Tasmania is obliged to pay the facility payments in full regardless of whether Basslink operates at a 500MW continuous rating or at 630MW in dynamic mode, so long as Basslink operates the link as required by good electricity industry practice.

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About Basslink www.basslink.com.au

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.
