



# Media statement

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## Basslink experiences service outage

On 24 March 2018, Basslink Pty Ltd (Basslink) commenced planned maintenance works for the Basslink Interconnector.

Regrettably, during the routine maintenance at a transition station in Victoria, a third-party contractor damaged a piece of equipment. Given the damaged equipment is unique, it will require appropriate expertise and equipment from overseas for repair before the interconnector can recommence operations.

Basslink has begun the process to return the Basslink Interconnector to service. Based on current information, its anticipated return to service date is 14 April 2018.

At this point in time, the fault only impacts the electricity interconnector. 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.

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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.