



Media Statement

Tuesday 22 December 2015

Basslink interconnector outage

The Basslink interconnector experienced a fault mid-afternoon on Sunday 20 December 2015.

While the exact cause of the fault has not been determined, evidence suggests to Basslink that it is a subsea cable fault approximately 100km off the Tasmanian coastline in Bass Strait. Investigations as to the cause are still ongoing.

CEO Malcolm Eccles said: "Basslink has begun the process to assemble a team of experts who will provide diagnosis and repair to the fault, and return the interconnector to service as soon as possible.

"Basslink has been advised that there has been no impact to Tasmanian or Victorian residential or commercial customers to date as a result of this outage," he said.

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.

Basslink will continue to update and advise its key stakeholders as more information becomes known about the problem, and the likely return to service date.

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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.