



Media statement

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Basslink issues Notice of Dispute to Hydro Tasmania

Basslink Pty Ltd (Basslink) has today issued a Notice of Dispute to Hydro Tasmania (HT), under the Basslink Services Agreement (BSA), in respect of the failure of the subsea cable that led to the December 2015 outage of the Basslink interconnector (Incident). Basslink has consistently maintained that the Incident was a Force Majeure Event under the BSA.

Despite the independent investigation that was undertaken by independent experts appointed by Basslink, Cable Consulting International, which concluded that the cause of the Incident was “unknown”, HT did not accept the Incident was a Force Majeure Event and withheld, amongst others, facility fees on the basis there was no Force Majeure Event.

By issuing the Notice of Dispute, Basslink seeks to recover the withheld monies from HT.

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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.