



## Media statement

20 December 2017

### Announcement in response to Hydro Tasmania's Media Release

We refer to the media release from Hydro Tasmania on 20 December 2017 regarding the December 2015 outage of the Basslink interconnector.

We are currently reviewing the reports, which were provided to Basslink Pty Ltd (Basslink) this morning.

Basslink stands by the independent investigation that was undertaken by Cable Consulting International (CCI), one of the world's leading submarine power cable experts, who described the exact cause of the subsea cable fault as "cause unknown."

Based on the findings of CCI, Basslink maintains the cable fault was a force majeure event.

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**About Basslink** [www.basslink.com.au](http://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.