



# Media statement

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## Basslink to return to service on 14 June

Basslink today announced that it had advised the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and Hydro Tasmania that the interconnector was scheduled to return to service on Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup> June 2016), barring any unforeseen issues.

Chief Executive Malcolm Eccles said that the cable was in the process of being reburied and that all operational testing leading to the interconnector's return to service had been successfully completed.

"We have been extremely satisfied with the final stages of the repair project, and all testing has shown the interconnector is ready to resume operation," said Eccles.

Mr Eccles said that both the energy and the fibre optic capacity of the interconnector would recommence at the same time, and that Basslink was working with its telecoms customers to assist in the smooth return to service.

Regarding the cause of the fault, Mr Eccles said that investigations into fault diagnosis are still ongoing.

Basslink will provide updates when information on the cause of the fault becomes available and continues to update its key stakeholders, Hydro Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government, of the repair activities on a regular basis. A Hydro Tasmania investigator has also been on the cable repair vessel for much of its time at sea.

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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.