



Media Statement

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Basslink slams misinformation

Basslink has labeled misinformation promoted by Tasmanian Unions about the progress of its repairs as scurrilous, completely misleading and factually inaccurate.

Contrary to the views expressed, Basslink has a contract on the vessel conducting the repairs to its cable which will see it stay with the project until completion. The Basslink repair takes precedence over all other cable repair projects in the Pacific (there are three others), or new cable work. This is fact – there is no discussion otherwise.

There is also absolutely no indication that Basslink will be prevented from operating as designed once it is returned to service. Also contrary to the views expressed, Basslink is able to continuously import electricity into Tasmania at 500MW, not 400MW as suggested.

Not only are the comments made by the union factually inaccurate, they are unhelpful and a distraction from Basslink's priority which is completing the repair project. Had the union made contact prior to issuing a statement, we would have happily clarified these facts.

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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.

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