



Media statement

23 June 2016

Basslink returned to service

Basslink has advised that the interconnector returned to full operations at 5:51pm this afternoon, following an outage of just under 36 hours.

The outage was caused by a protection trip at the Loy Yang converter station. The protection trip was initiated by a component in the converter station.

This was a relatively straightforward mechanical failure, and Basslink had sufficient spare parts to carry out the repair once fault analysis had been completed. The issue was unrelated to the outage which occurred on 20 December 2015.

This issue has not affected provision of fibre optic capacity through Basslink Telecoms.

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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.