



Media statement

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Basslink planned outage

Basslink is preparing for a scheduled outage that will have the interconnector offline for approximately five days from Saturday 18 March.

The outage will see Basslink disconnect its overhead line adjacent to its Loy Yang converter station, allowing AGL to move its 173m-long, 2,100 tonne overburden stacker to the base of the mine, passing between the pylons that support the Basslink overhead line.

Basslink CEO Malcolm Eccles said that the outage was a contractual requirement and had been an eventuality for more than 12 years.

“We’ve always known that at some point in time we would need to remove the overhead line near our converter station, to allow AGL to move this equipment. This was a consideration in determining the converter station location and overhead cable route, a decision signed off by State and Federal Governments long before Basslink was built. A similar exercise will be repeated in approximately eight years time,” said Mr Eccles.

Basslink will also be using the outage to conduct routine maintenance at our Loy Yang and Georgetown converter stations.

Basslink has been liaising with AEMO and Hydro Tasmania to ensure any impacts are minimised.

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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.