



# Media statement

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## Basslink interconnector update

Further to its previous media statement on 10 April 2018, Basslink Pty Ltd (Basslink) would like to provide an update that the Basslink Interconnector is expected to return to service in early June 2018, instead of the previous indicative date of 31 May 2018. This slight delay to the return to service date is due to logistics and scheduling challenges beyond the control of Basslink.

Chief Executive of Basslink Malcolm Eccles, said, “Due to the highly specialised nature of the equipment needed for the repair as well as the time needed to source the required expertise, the repair is taking longer than expected. However, we now have better visibility on the anticipated timeline. We will continue to work hard to bring the Basslink Interconnector back online as soon as possible.”

The Basslink telecoms cable providing broadband services to internet service providers continues to operate.

This incident is unrelated to the outage in December 2015 and the ongoing dispute with the State of Tasmania.

Basslink will continue to update and advise its key stakeholders on the developments, as well as focus its efforts on repairing the equipment.

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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.