



Media statement

29 September 2019

Basslink interconnector returns to service early

Further to its previous media statements (26 August 2019) and (25 September 2019), Basslink Pty Ltd (Basslink) is pleased to announce that the Basslink Interconnector has returned to service on 29 September 2019, one day ahead of the previously announced 30 September 2019.

Chief Executive of Basslink Malcolm Eccles, said, “We are very happy that the Basslink Interconnector has returned to service even earlier than we forecasted. This is testament to the dedication of our repair team and the support of our stakeholders, including Hydro Tasmania.”

Basslink experienced a failure in the low voltage cable (metallic return) which caused the system to trip on 24 August 2019. The identified failure was located in an above ground section of the low voltage cable in the transition station in Gifford, Victoria.

Basslink's telecoms cable (providing broadband services to internet service providers) has continued to operate.

Editors' note: *the Basslink cable bundle which is responsible for energy transmission comprises a high voltage direct current (HVDC) cable, a low voltage metallic return, and a fibre optic cable. In this occasion the failure has been identified with the low voltage metallic return.*

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About Basslink www.basslink.com.au 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.