



Media statement

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Basslink arbitration outcome

Basslink Pty Ltd (Basslink) has today been advised the outcome of three arbitrations involving Basslink, the State of Tasmania and Hydro Tasmania. The arbitrations were required to resolve a number of disputes relating to the outage of the Basslink interconnector in December 2015. The arbitrator found in favour of the State and Hydro Tasmania in the disputes. The arbitrator awarded damages of A\$38.5 million against Basslink. He further decided that a force majeure event had not occurred, and declared that Basslink's claim for unpaid fees of A\$31 million against Hydro Tasmania relating to the period of the outage was not recoverable. The disputes relating to the Asset Management Plan and the Marine Disaster Recovery Plan have been separately settled.

Basslink Chief Executive Malcolm Eccles said that the organisation would take time to review the rulings and determine the next steps. "We are obviously extremely disappointed with the outcomes," he said. "We will need some time to review the decisions and consider the implications. In the meantime, Basslink continues to operate efficiently and reliably, connecting Tasmania to the national electricity market."

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The Basslink Interconnector enhances security of supply on both sides of Bass Strait; assists in 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.