

10 July 2025

Dr Kris Funston
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Dear Kris,

Re: Basslink Consultation Paper: Commencement and Process Paper Amendment

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the AER's consultation paper.

Basslink welcomes the AER's decision to approve the conversion of Basslink to a Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP). We look forward to engaging constructively with the AER and other stakeholders to deliver a Revenue Determination and Pricing Methodology as efficiently as possible.

We acknowledge the AER's proposed timeline to publish a Draft Determination on 12 September 2025 and a Final Determination on 27 February 2026. Earlier finalisation of the determination would provide greater certainty for customers, Distribution Network Operators in Tasmania and Victoria, and Co-ordinating TNSPs regarding Basslink's allowable revenue. We are committed to working with the AER to explore opportunities to streamline the process—ensuring stakeholder input while aiming to deliver the Final Determination ahead of schedule where possible.

We note that there is a clear regulatory framework that is applicable to determining the relevant matters, which include general rules for TNSPs and rules specific to Basslink, and we anticipate this will assist in delivering an efficient process. Basslink will also be undertaking stakeholder engagement throughout the period leading up to the AER's Final Determination, which we believe will also enhance the efficiency and transparency of the process.

We endorse the AER's proposal to commence the regulatory control period on 1 July 2026 and support the decision to limit the period to four years rather than the standard five. This approach allows the determination to be based on existing information and targeted updates from Basslink, reducing the need for extensive new data collection.

If you have any queries on this matter, please contact Mark Allen on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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