

# Fisheries

**Marinus Link’s subsea cable will be installed across Bass Strait, a body of water supporting diverse fishing grounds, with scallops, sharks, octopuses, crayfish and finfish as the primary commercial fisheries.**

We’ve worked alongside key marine and fishery stakeholders, including the Victorian Fishing Authority, Australian Maritime and Safety Authority and South East Trawl Fishing Industry Association, to understand commercial fisheries in the project area.

**While recreational and commercial fishing boats will need to keep clear of the project’s construction activities, our assessments revealed that Marinus Link will have a low impact on fishing throughout construction and operation.**

This fact sheet provides information on the assessments Marinus Link completed to understand the project’s potential impacts on fisheries.



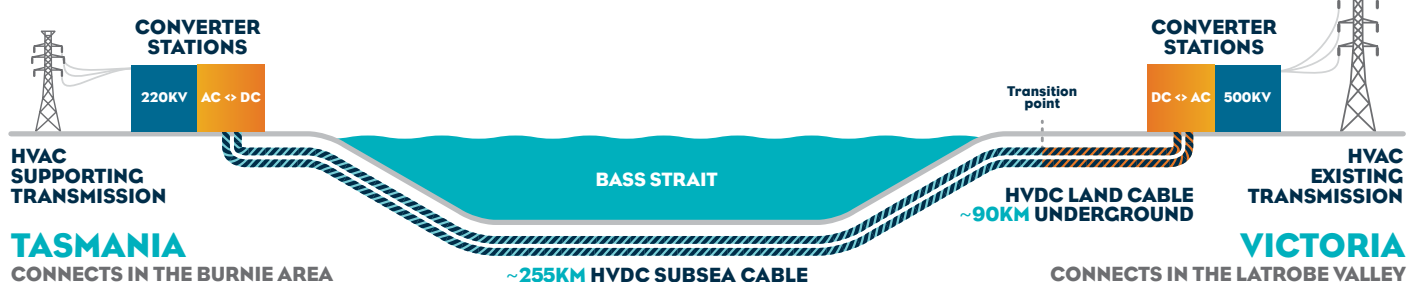
## More information

For more information on how the project will manage impacts to fisheries, view Chapter 3: Marine Resources in Volume 3 of the Environmental Impact Statement/ Environment Effects Statement (EIS/EES) via Marinus Link’s website at [marinuslink.com.au/assessment/eis-ees](http://marinuslink.com.au/assessment/eis-ees).

## What is Marinus Link?

**Marinus Link is a proposed undersea and underground electricity and telecommunications interconnector between North West Tasmania and the Latrobe Valley in Victoria.**

The project will unlock Tasmania’s renewable energy and storage resources to deliver reliable and clean energy for customers in the National Electricity Market.



## Assessing impacts on fisheries

As part of the EIS/EES, we completed an independent assessment to identify the locations and types of fishing in the project area, and the impacts Marinus Link may have on them during construction and operation.

Independent specialists also interviewed marine and fisheries stakeholders to understand the impacts and opportunities for their industry.

## Impacts during construction

The subsea cable route avoids major fishing grounds, offshore oil and gas developments, existing Victoria to Tasmania telecommunications cables, marine national parks, conservation areas and known maritime archaeological sites, where possible.

During subsea cable installation, there will be a temporary 1.5 km long by 1 km wide exclusion zone surrounding the cable lay vessel. This restriction will impact maritime traffic, commercial fisheries and recreational fishers, located within the exclusion zone.

## Impacts after construction

The key impact during the operation of the project are potential disruptions to the accuracy of magnetic compass within 10 m of the subsea cable.

## How we will manage impacts



**We will engage with key fishery stakeholders to create a code of conduct which will guide the ongoing management of fishing activities within the location of the undersea cable. It will consider:**

- ◇ **Electronic chart overlays, providing fishers with the location of the cable.**
- ◇ **Policy regarding anchor selection, use and replacement programs.**
- ◇ **Guidance around the preferred fishing methods near the cable.**
- ◇ **Details for fishers should they experience issues around the cable.**
- ◇ **Learnings from Basslink operations.**
- ◇ **Development of project management measures with affected fisheries.**



**We will notify the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the Australian Hydrographic Office of location, timing and duration of cable crossing works, so that all maritime traffic are aware of the exclusion zone and can avoid activities that may be impacted.**



**We will engage with recreational fisheries and the broader community regarding locations, dates, times and duration of marine construction activities.**

### More information

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