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Utility-Scale Energy Storage in Australia



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Australia's energy transition



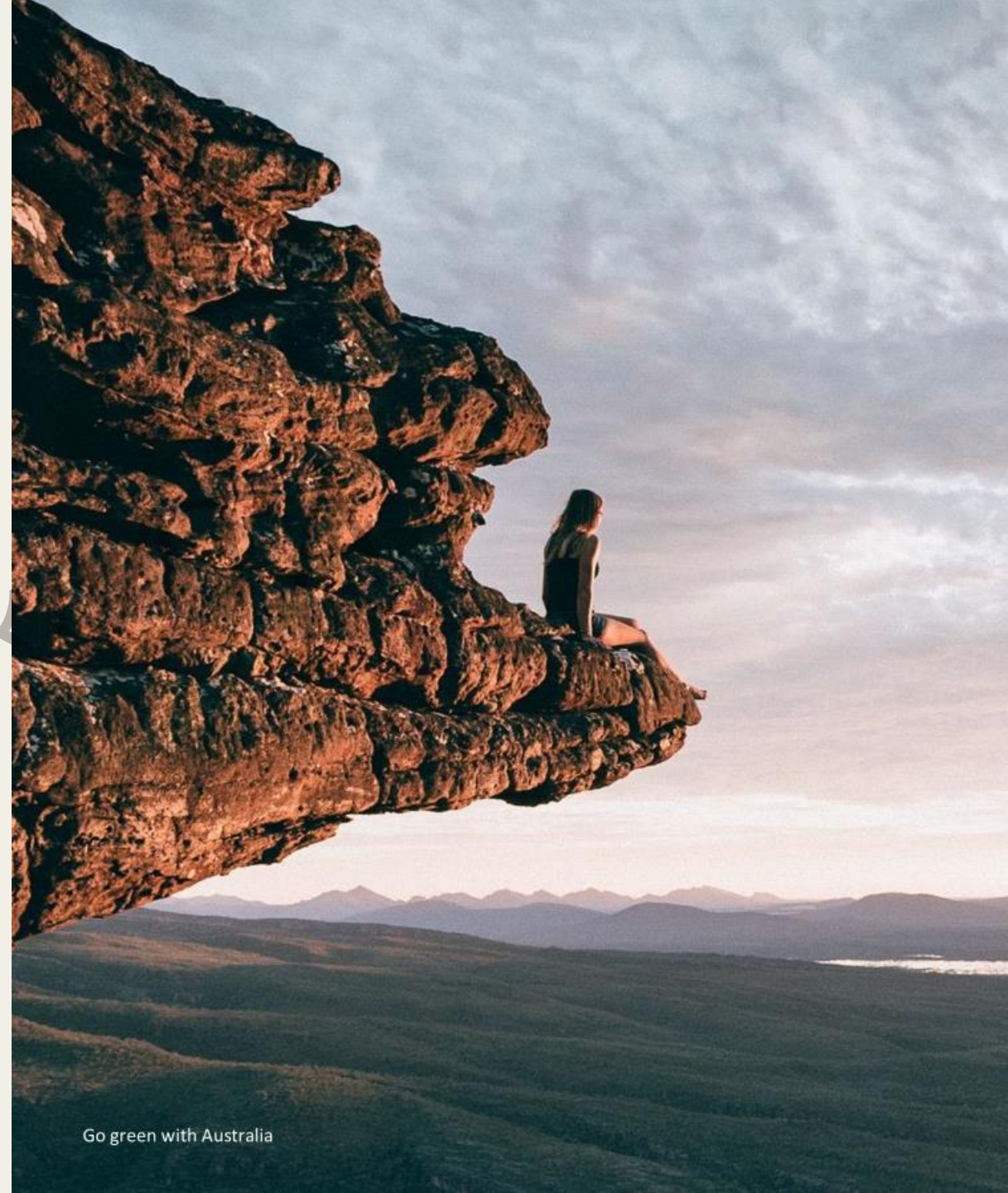
Australia's energy transition is **real and accelerating**



Underpinned by a country-wide plan to achieve **net zero emission by 2050 and 82% renewable energy by 2030**



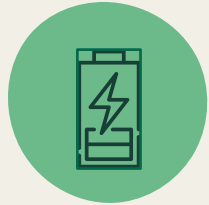
Achieving our transition will require large volumes of **renewables and energy storage**



Go green with Australia

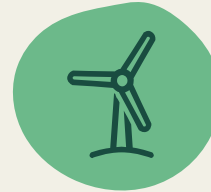
Preparing for Net Zero

Energy storage powering Australia's renewables credentials



4th-largest utility-scale storage market¹

With nearly 9 GW / 20 GWh utility battery capacity under construction or in operation¹



+37,000 km² for future wind generation⁷

Comparable wind resources to North Sea between Britain and Europe



5th-most attractive country for renewable energy investment²

An additional 9.3 terawatt-hours of solar and wind energy in 2023³



Largest producer of lithium in the world

Largest reserves of nickel, zinc and iron ore
2nd largest reserves of lithium, copper, cobalt and tantalum¹¹



6th-largest producer of solar energy⁵

Sufficient to power 7 million homes⁶
1st in per capita terms⁵



A\$300 billion in potential hydrogen investments⁹

Over 100 major hydrogen projects planned¹¹

Sources: 1. Rystad, 2024. 2. EY, 2024, Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index 2023. 3. Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (2024) Australian Energy Statistics. 4. Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, 2022, Government backs next-generation renewable technology; Austrade. 5. The World Bank, 2024, The World Bank open data; U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2024, Electricity data; Worldometer, 2024, Population by country; all accessed on 19 April 2024, Austrade. 6. Frontier Economics, 2020, Residential energy consumption benchmarks. 7. Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, 2024, Australia's offshore wind areas. 8. The World Bank, 2023, Global photovoltaic power potential by country. 9. Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, 2024, Australia's National Hydrogen Strategy. 10. Geoscience Australia, 2022, Australian Hydrogen projects dataset, September 2022. 11. Geoscience Australia, 2024, Australia's Identified Mineral Resources; US Department of the Interior, 2024, Mineral Commodity Summaries.

Decarbonising Australia's Grid



40 %

total generation in
NEM came from
renewables in 2023



82 %

renewable energy
generation by 2030

A\$120b

capital required to decarbonise the
Australian National Electricity
Market

Australia's energy transition to 2050



10,000 kms of new
transmission needed by
2050



Distributed **solar PV**
will increase by 4-fold to
reach
86 GW by 2050.



**Grid-scale wind and
solar** to increase
6-fold
to **126 GW** by 2050



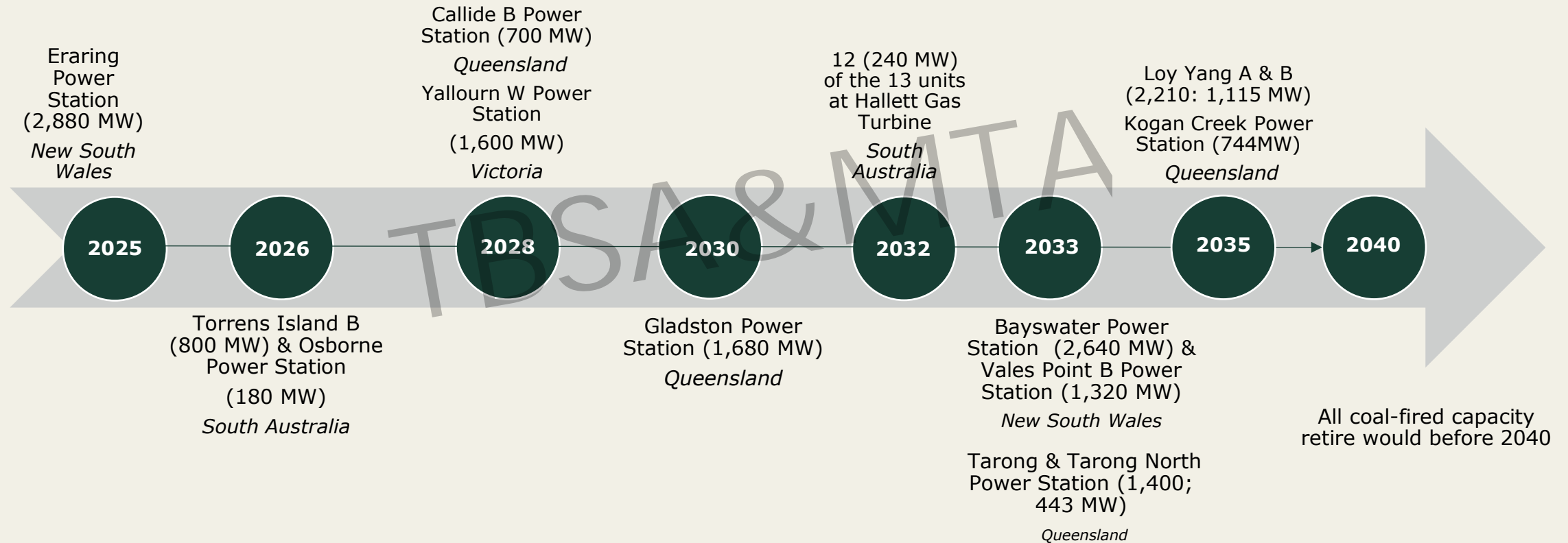
Firming storage capacity
from sources other than
coal to **quadruple**
64 GW by 2050



Coal generation to be
withdrawn
100% by 2038.

Coal-Fired Power Station Closures

Fuelling an urgent need for firmed renewables to meet Australia's energy demand



The Queensland Government has indicated that the coal-fired generators Stanwell (1,460 MW), Tarong (1,400 MW), and Tarong North (450 MW) could also be retired by 2033 subject to successful completion of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.

* Exact dates subject to change.

Source: AEMO, Electricity Statement of Opportunities, August 2023

Australia Power Grid Map

National Electricity Market (NEM)

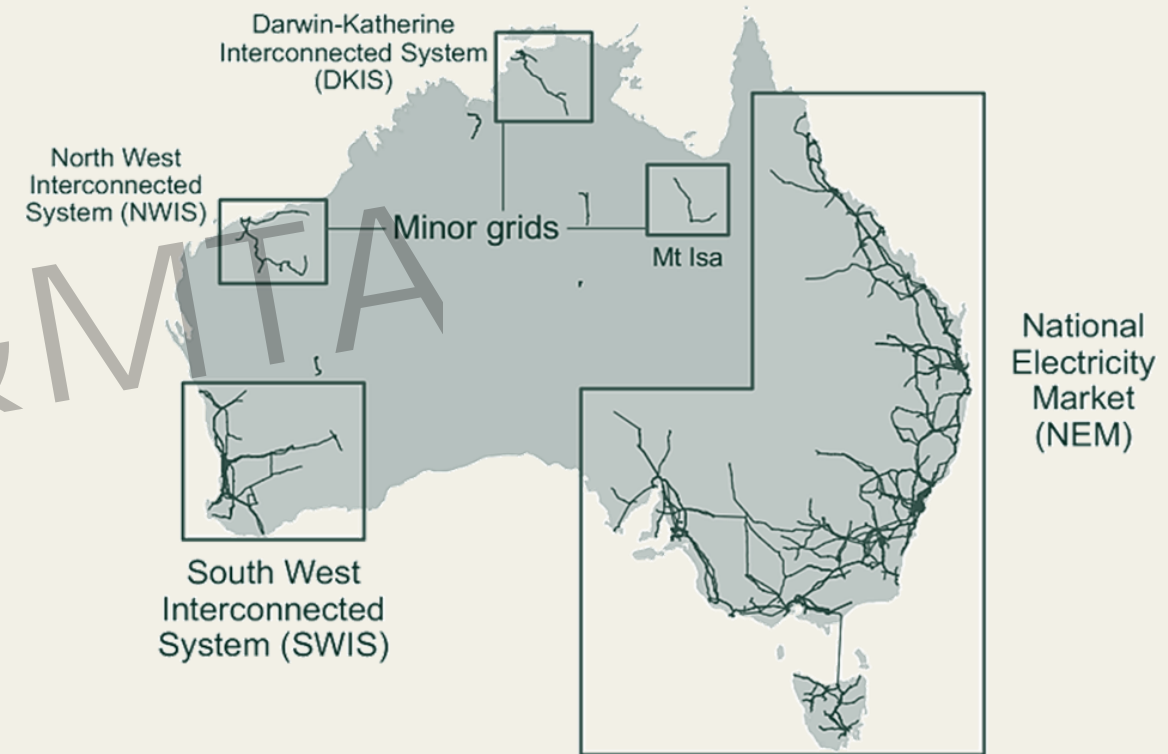
- Links QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC, SA and TAS.
- Delivers 80% of all electricity consumption in Australia.

Western Australia

- **SWIS Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM):** Operated by AEMO, ensuring secure electricity supply in the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) with plans for additional 4,000km transmission lines.
- **North West Interconnected System (NWIS):** with additional 3,000km transmission lines needed in the Pilbara.

Northern Territory

- **Networks:** Darwin-Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs
- **SunCable/Australia-ASEAN Power Link:** 800km above ground to Darwin, 4,500km subsea cable to Singapore.



Source: Grattan analysis of Geoscience Australia (2021)

Energy Storage in Australia

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Energy Storage Opportunities in Australia

- **Australia is the 4th largest utility-scale battery** market globally, behind only China, USA, and UK



Australia's power market is one of the world's most volatile which means that grid scale store investment makes commercial sense by trading energy alone



Coal exit and renewables growth create intraday price spreads, enabling strong arbitrage opportunities



Government investments are enhancing revenue streams

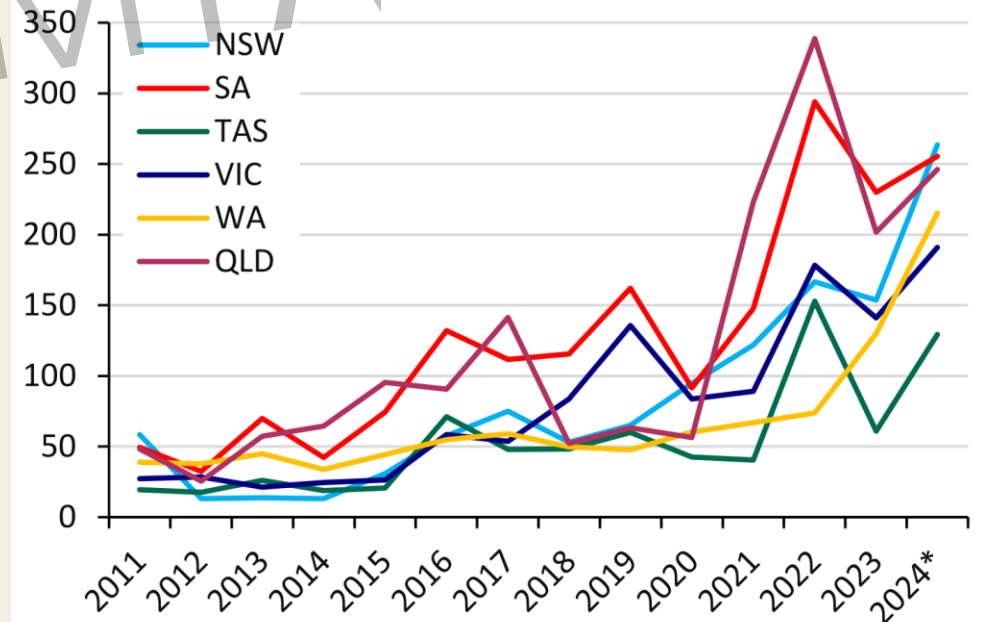
- **Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS)**
- **System Integrity Protection Scheme (SIPS)**
- **Retailer Reliability Obligation (RRO)**
- **NSW Government Long Duration Storage (LDS) schemes**
- **ARENA grants**
- **CEFC low-cost debt**

Utility scale batteries(>4 hours duration)are now commercially viable based on energy trade (arbitrage) alone due to:

- **High volatility** (daytime prices very low while high evening peak prices)
- **Negative prices**
- Falling capex costs for batteries

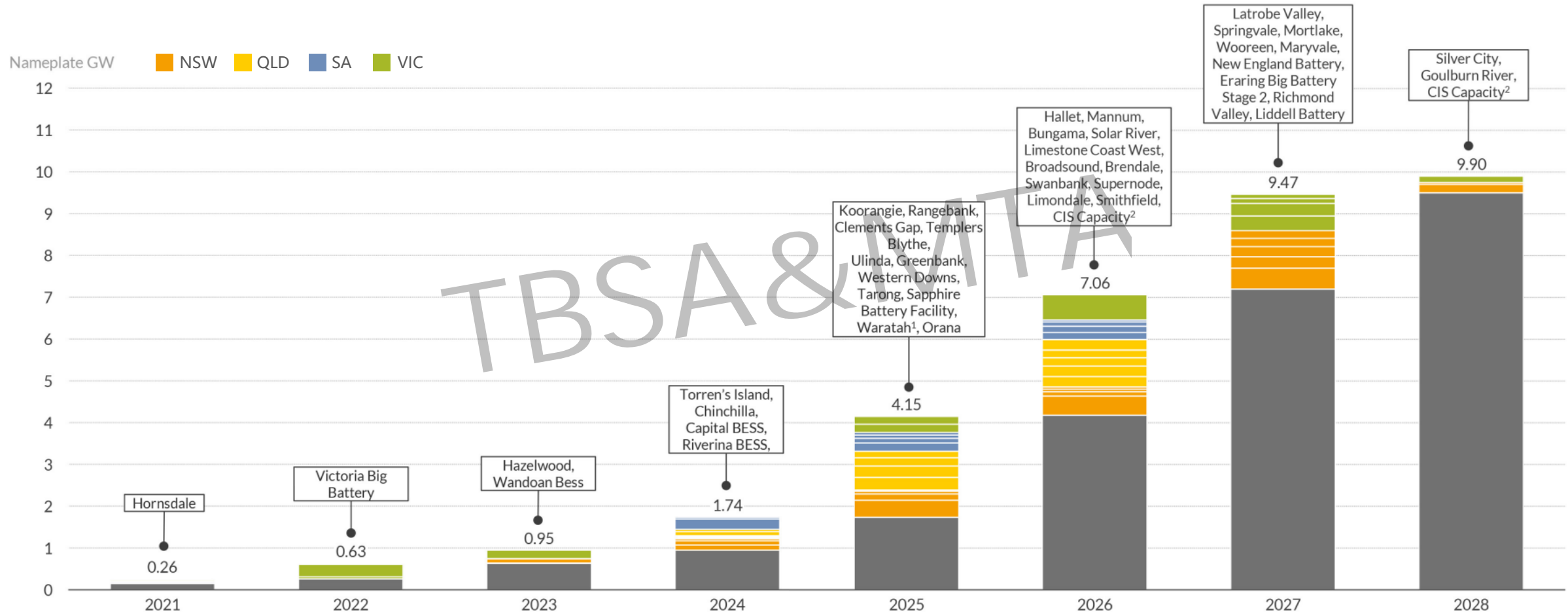
4-hour intraday spread by state

AUD per megawatt-hour



Australia's Energy Storage Growing Pipeline

Committed, in-construction and announced projects likely to proceed*



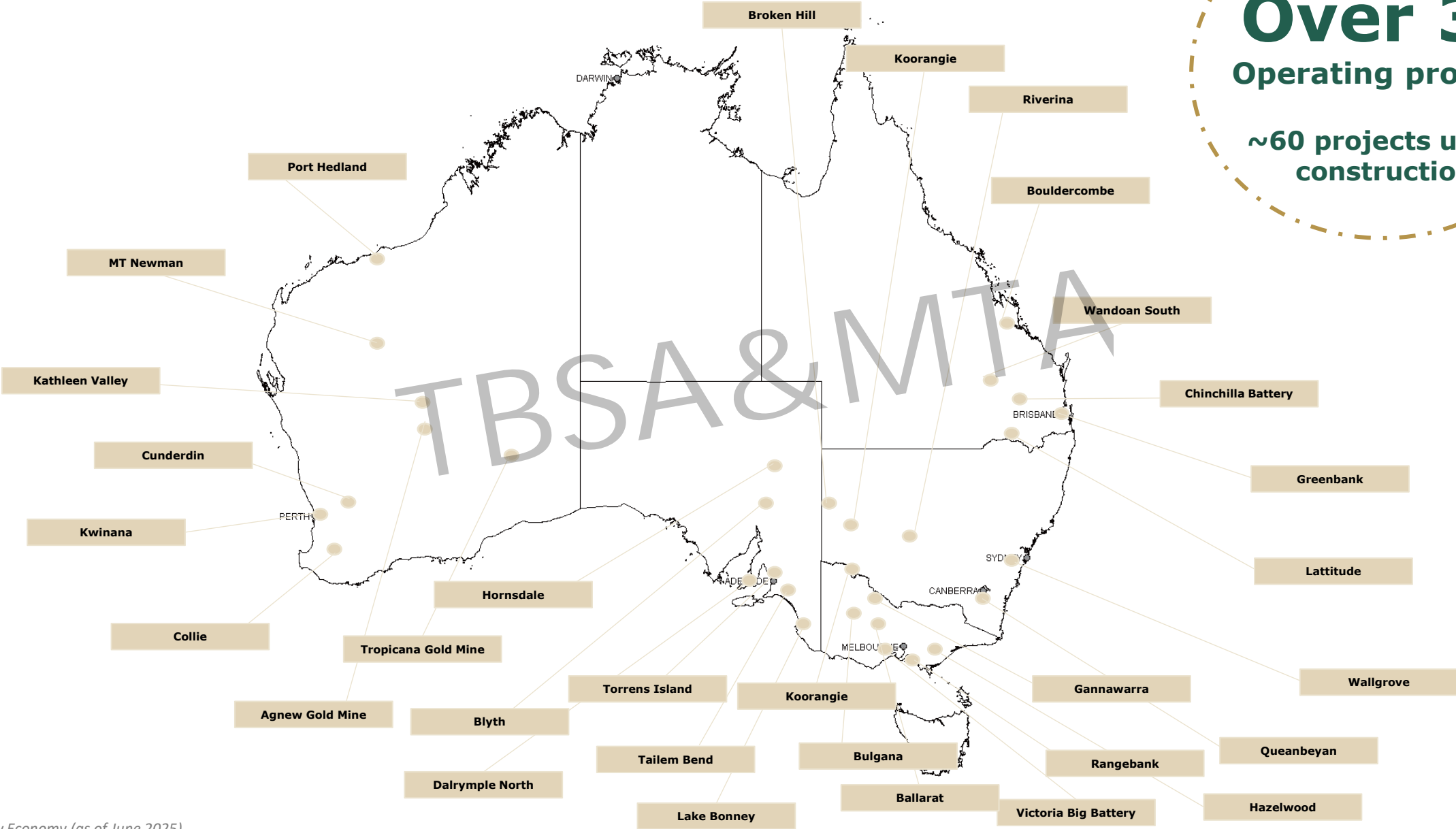
Notes:

- 1) Waratah Super Battery, 850MW/1680MWh, has 700 MW reserved for SIPS and has only been included in Aurora market scenarios as its merchant capacity of 150 MW.
- 2) CIS capacity totalling 350 MW/1400MWh

Operating Big Battery Storage Projects in Australia

Over 30
Operating projects

~60 projects under construction



Source: Renew Economy (as of June 2025)

Overcoming Barriers



Modernising Australia's electricity grid

10,000 km of new transmission for supply of reliable and secure energy via the A\$19B Rewiring the Nation fund



National Battery Strategy

to build Australia's battery manufacturing industry

via the A\$523.2M for the Battery Breakthrough Initiative, A\$20.3M for Building Future Battery Capabilities



10,000 green energy apprenticeships

to address skill shortages via the Australian National Energy Workforce Strategy



Addressing social license

through regional government support and community engagement

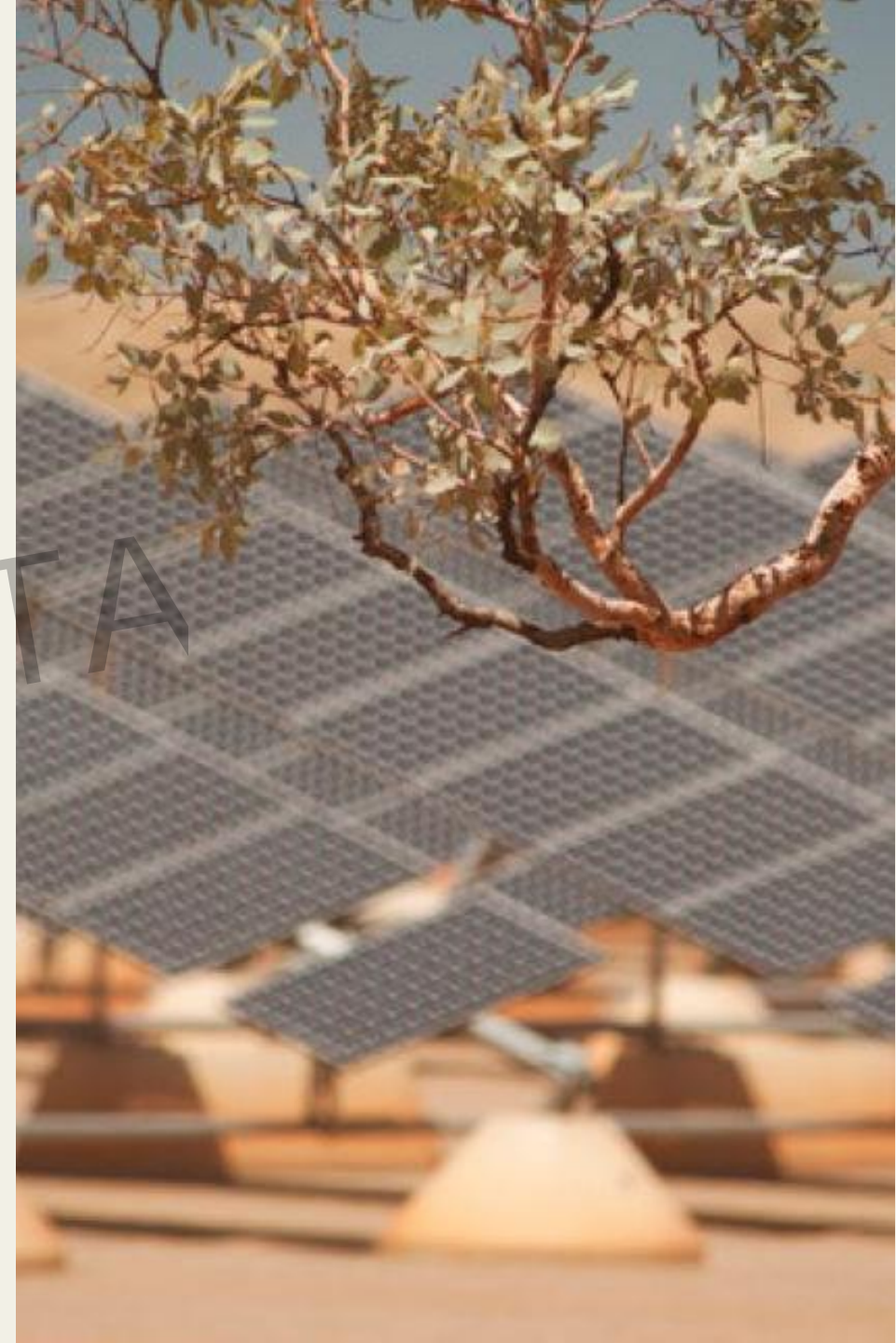
Empowering First Nations to play a role in Australia's renewable energy transition



Simplifying complex regulation

to reduce bottlenecks for clean energy projects

The Australian Government has coordinated actions to fast-track critical renewables projects





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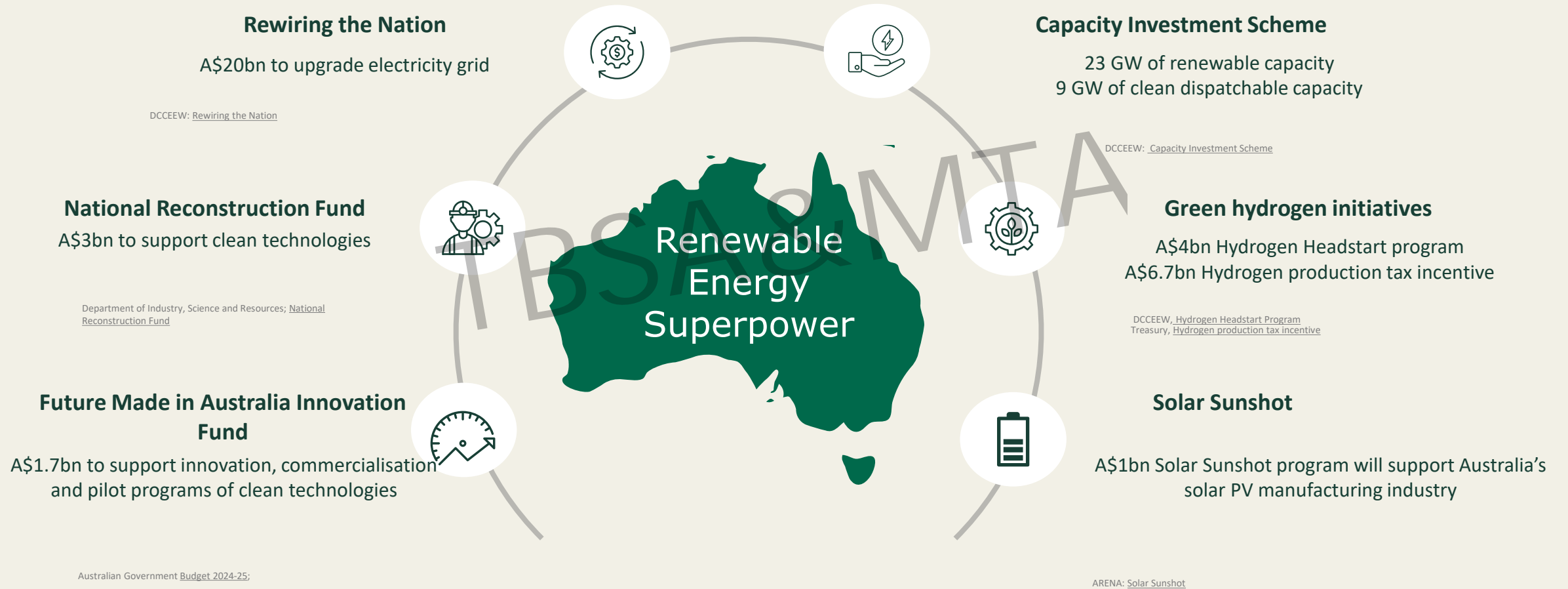
Site visits to Australia

Assist site visit and meetings with governments and commercial organisation

Information requests

Tailor-made research support

Australian Government's commitment to deliver cleaner, cheaper and more reliable renewable energy



The Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS)

The CIS is a revenue underwriting scheme which will encourage new investment in renewable generation and clean dispatchable capacity.



Long-term Commonwealth Government **revenue underwriting** for an agreed ‘floor’ and ‘ceiling’



Launched in 2023, with roll-out from 2024 to 2027, the CIS aims to deliver **9GW of dispatchable capacity** and **23GW of new variable renewable capacity** to be supported by the scheme, by 2030



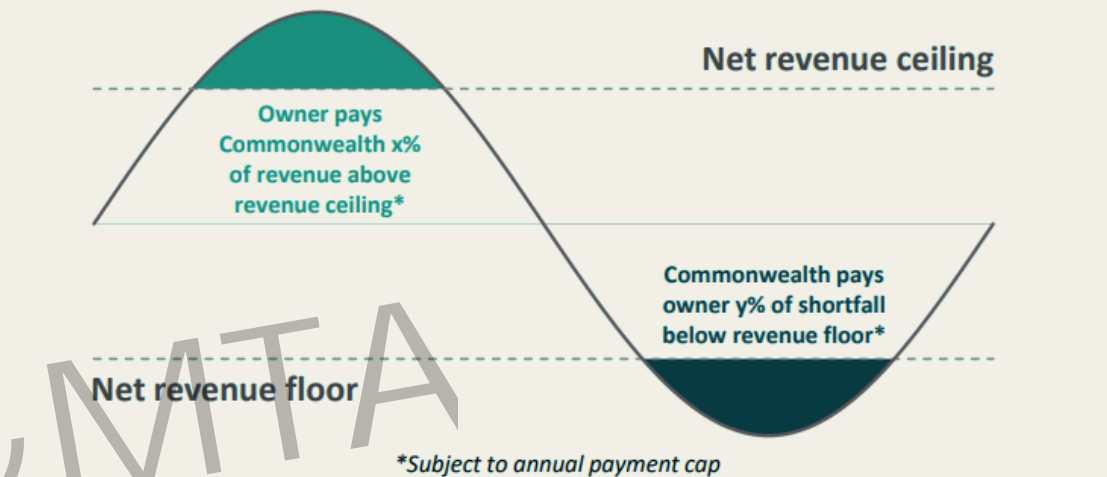
Successful proponents awarded CIS Agreement (CISA) for up to 15 years



Anticipated to support around **\$70 billion in investment** in renewable generation and clean dispatchable capacity



Competitive tenders (~ every 6 months) to determine the projects supported and the agreed revenue ‘floor’ and ‘ceiling’



TENDERS SNAPSHOT	CAPACITY TARGETS	REGISTRATIONS*	BIDS SUBMITTED TO STAGE A	INVITED TO STAGE B	SUCCESSFUL BIDS
SA/Vic - Dispatchable	2.4 GWh (600 MW of 4hr equivalent)	155 Registrations ~ 33 GW ~ 90 GWh	104 Bids ~ 19 GW ~ 59 GWh	20 Bids ~ 3.6 GW ~ 11 GWh	6 Bids 995 MW 3,626 MWh
Tender 1 – NEM Generation	6 GW	119 Registrations ~ 41 GW	84 Bids ~ 27 GW ~ 16.5 GWh**	52 Bids	19 Bids 6.38 GW 3.6 GWh
Tender 2 – WEM Dispatchable	2 GWh (500 MW of 4hr equivalent)	22 Registrations ~ 3.5 GW ~19.6 GWh	16 Bids ~ 2.5 GW ~ 13.5 GWh	Bids Under Assessment	Mar 2025
Tender 3 – NEM Dispatchable	16 GWh (4GW of 4hr equivalent)	Closed 11 Dec 2024	Close 18 Dec 2024	Mar 2025 (indicative)	Sep 2025
Tender 4 – NEM Generation	6 GW	Close 11 Feb 2025	Close 18 Feb 2025	May 2025 (indicative)	Oct 2025 (indicative)

CLP – EnergyAustralia

CLP Group is the owner of **Energy Australia** – Australia's **Top 3** largest integrated energy retailers

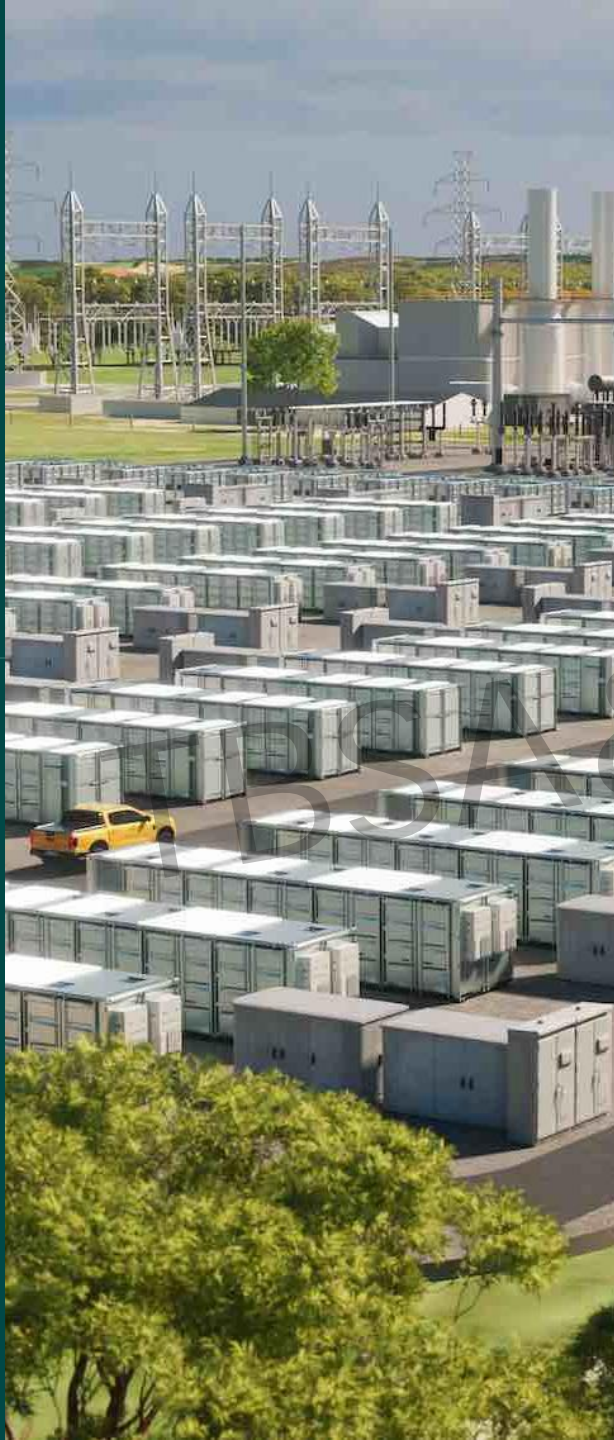
Net Zero Target:

Net Zero target by 2050
Transit out of coal by 2040

Renewable projects:

- Cathedral Rocks Wind Farm (62 MW)
- Riverina & Darlington Point BESS (90MW/ 180MWh)
- Wooreen BESS*(350MW;1400 Mwh developing)
- Ballarat BESS (30MW/ 30MWh)
- Gannwarra BESS (25MW/ 50MWh)
- Hallett BESS* (50MW/ 200MWh; developing)

*Projects are CIS tenders' winners



SPIC/CPIH – Pacific Blue

State Power Investment Corporation (SPIC) is the owner of **Pacific Blue**, which operator and developer of renewable energy assets

Diversified portfolio of wind, hydro and solar assets amounting to an installed capacity of 665 MW

Renewable projects:

- Ten Wind Farms
- Two Hydro Plants
- Three Solar Farm (Two Developing)
- Clements Gap Battery* (60 MW/ 120 Mwh; Developing), alongside with Clements Gap Wind Farm

*Projects are CIS tenders' winners



Upcoming Events



📅 29-30 October 2025 📍 MCEC, Melbourne





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