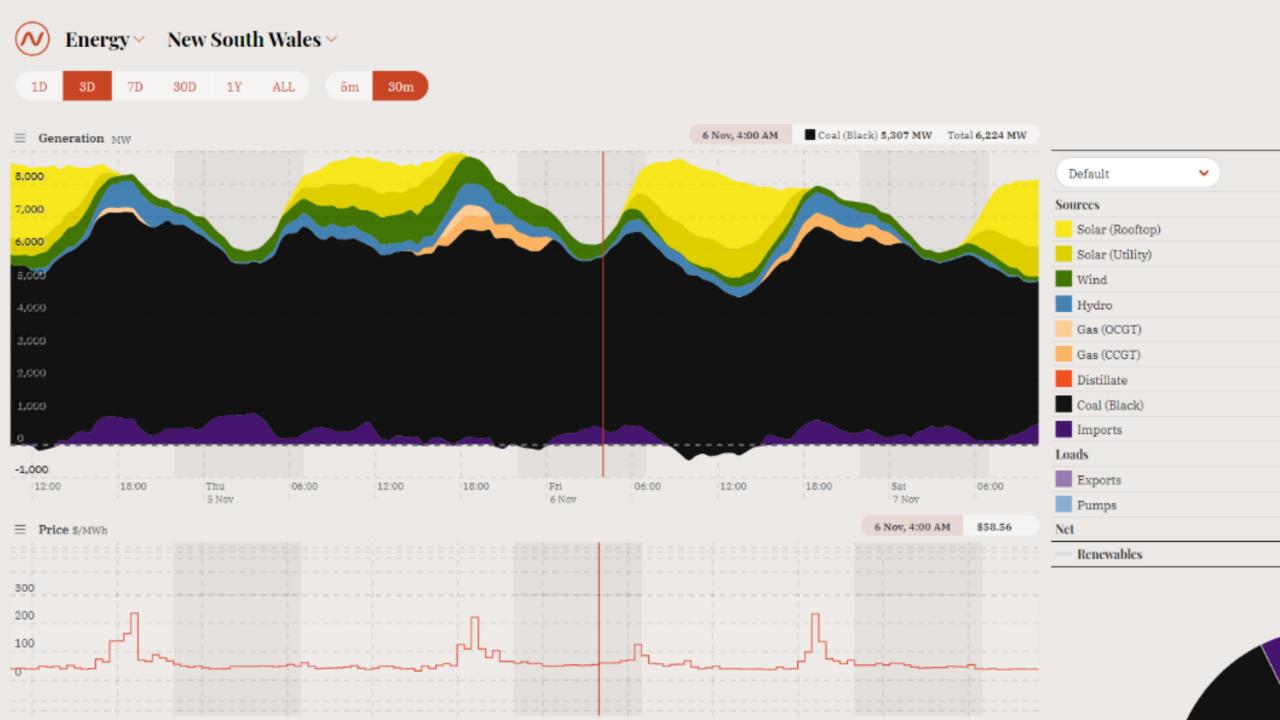
# RENEWABLE ENERGY IN AUSTRALIA - IMPLICATIONS FOR ELECTRICITY PRICES

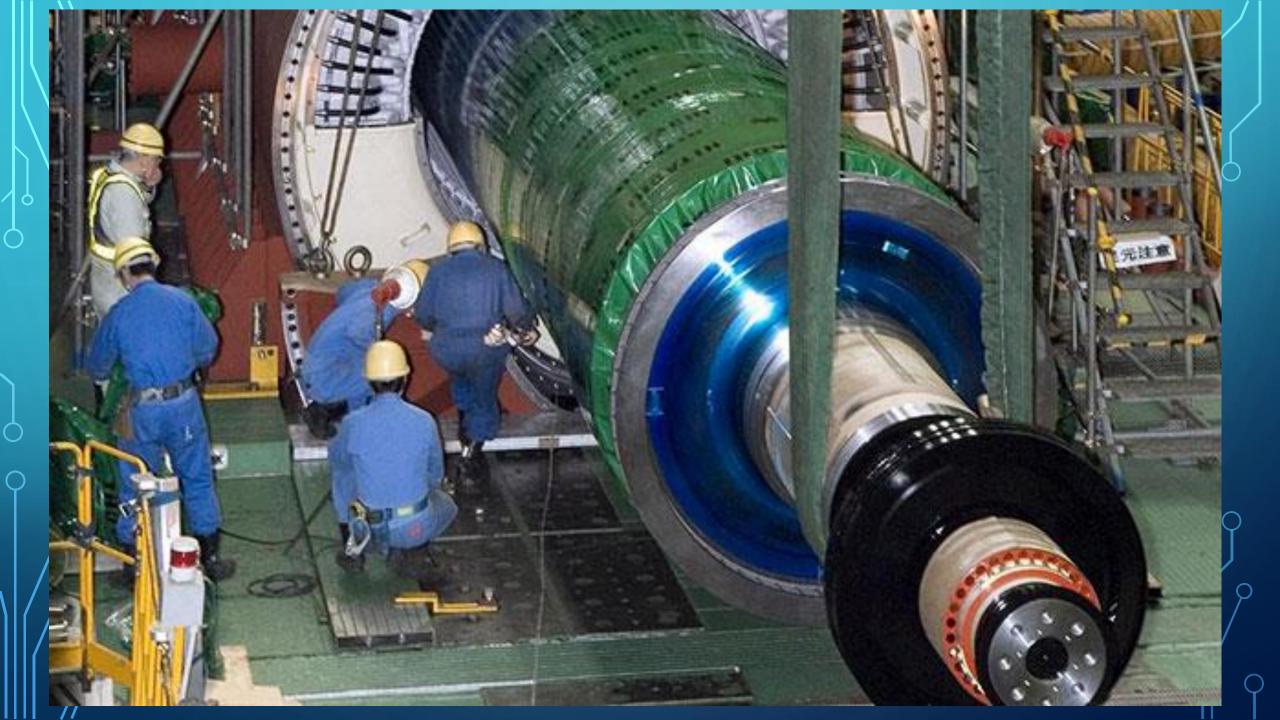
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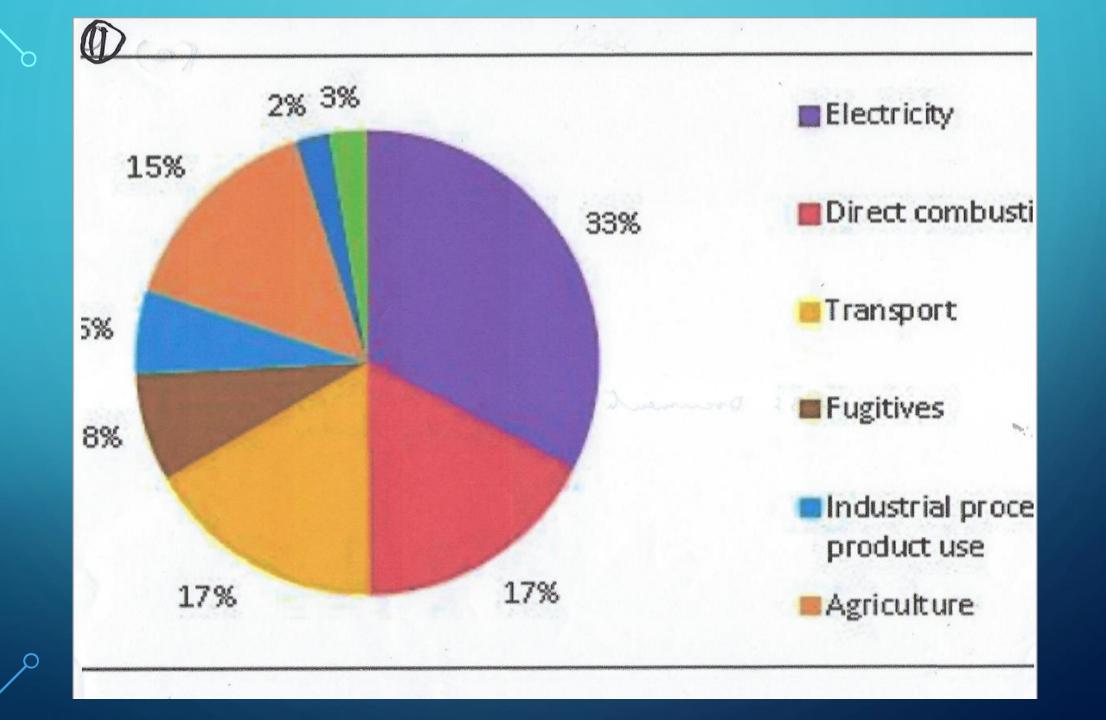












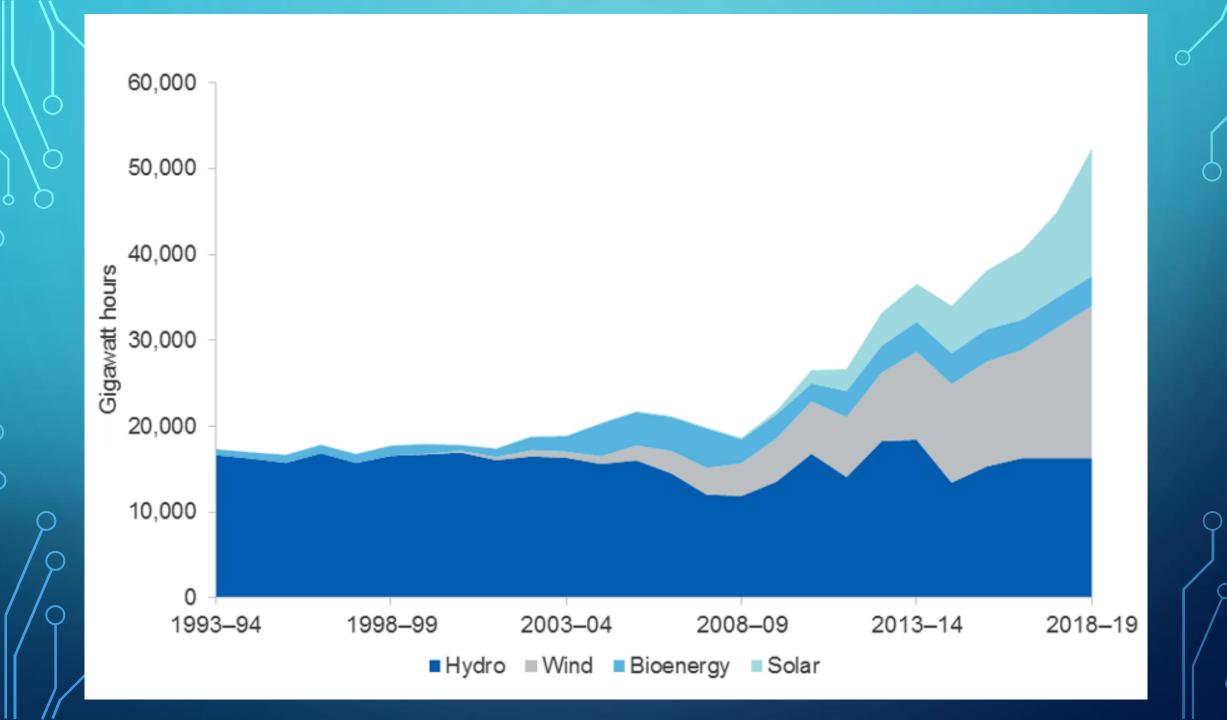
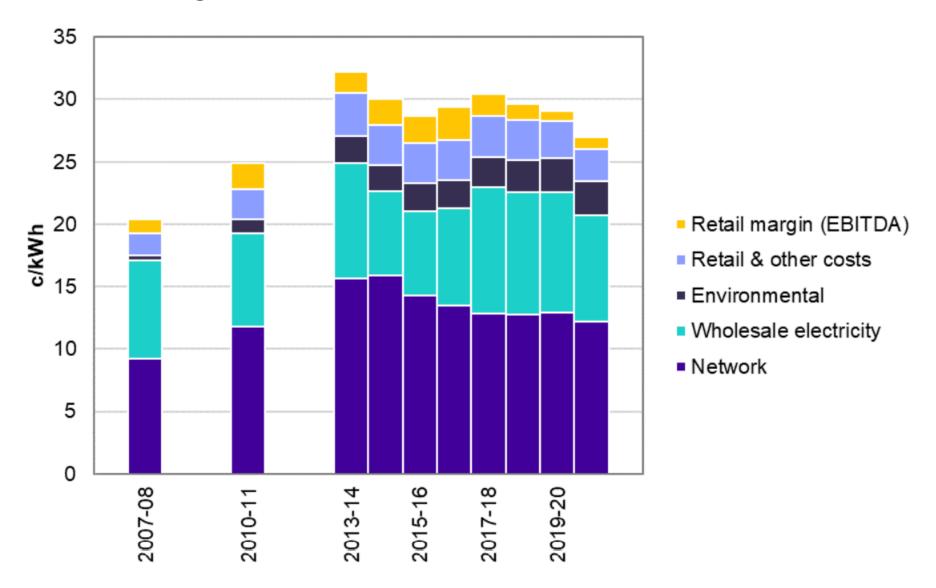


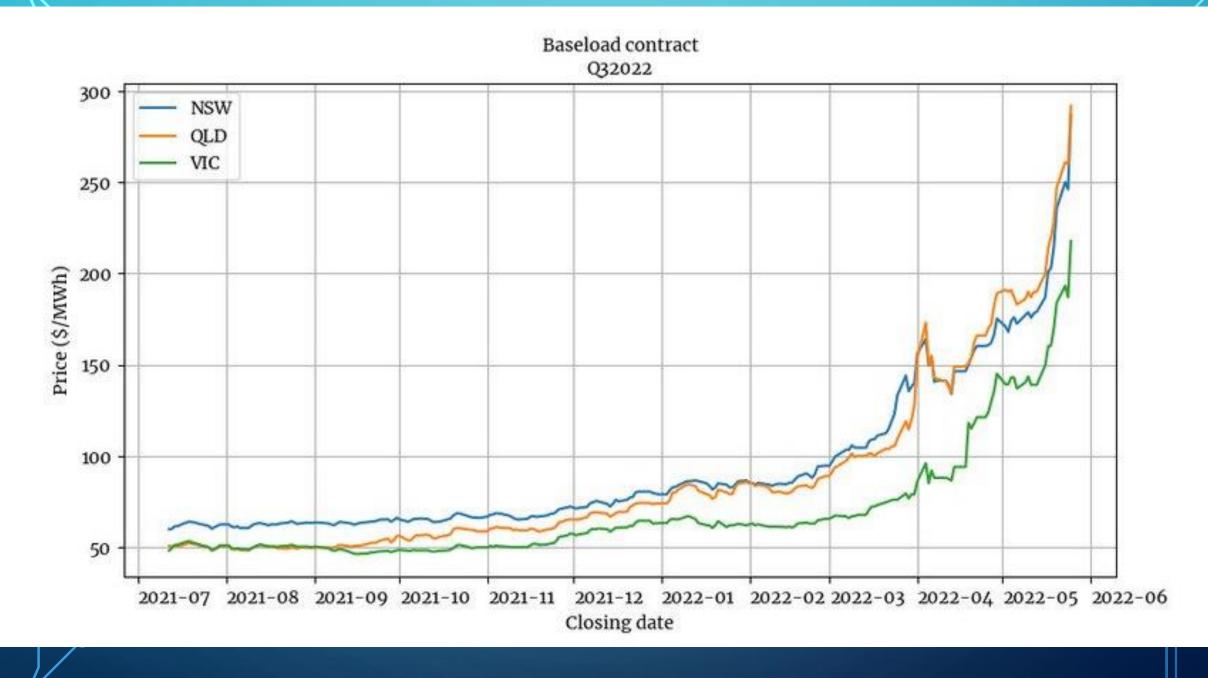
Figure 1: Real electricity and gas price increases, 2003 to 2013 180 Household electricity Household gas Business electricity Business gas 160 = 100) 140 Index (June 2003 120 100 80 2011 2013 2003 2005 2007 2009 Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Figure 2.2: Effective price of residential electricity is the cheapest in 8 years

Average residential customer effective price across the NEM from 2007–08 to 2020–21, real \$2020–21, excluding GST



Source: ACCC analysis based on retailers' data.



### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

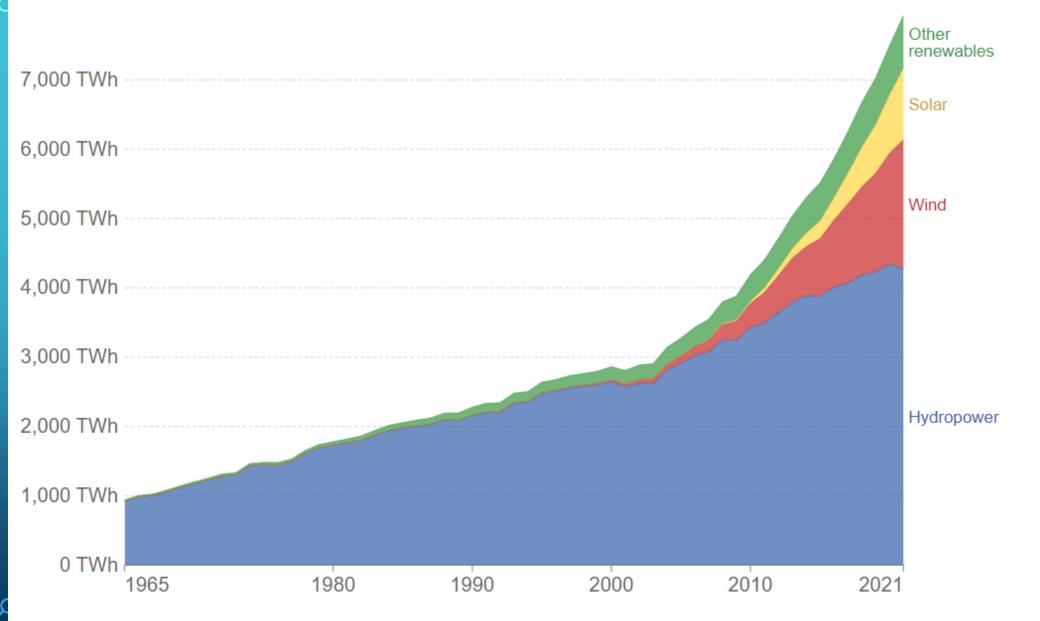
## **RESIDENTIAL POWER PRICE BREAKDOWN - 2022**

Price Component	Percentage (%)
Poles and Wires	44
Wholesale (generation)	34
Retail Margin	16
<b>Environmental Costs</b>	6
TOTAL	100

WORLD RENEWABLE ENERGY and POWER PRICES					
Country	Fraction of National Electrical Energy Produced by Renewables in 2021 (%)	Fraction of National Electrical Energy Planned to be Produced by Renewables in 2030 (%)	Relative Electrical Energy Prices in 2021 - Australia - Index 1		
Australia	29	Est. 50	1.00		
USA	25	100 8	0.73		
Japan	20	38	1.02		
China	30	33 <sup>2</sup>	0.36		
UK	43 <sup>6</sup>	95 <sup>1</sup>	1.51		
France	16 ³		0.86		
Germany	45 <sup>4</sup>	80 <sup>5</sup>	1.56		
South Korea			0.45		
Canada	67 <sup>7</sup>	90 <sup>7</sup>	0.51		
Norway			0.63		
Russia			0.39		
Note 1. Includes biomass and nuclear Note 5. Includes nuclear					
Note 2. By 2025		Note 6. Inc	Note 6. Includes biomass		
Note 3. 46% if nuclear i	ncluded	Note 7. Inc	Note 7. Includes hydro, nuclear		
Note 4. Includes bioma	2035, includes nuclear				







Source: BP Statistical Review of Global Energy

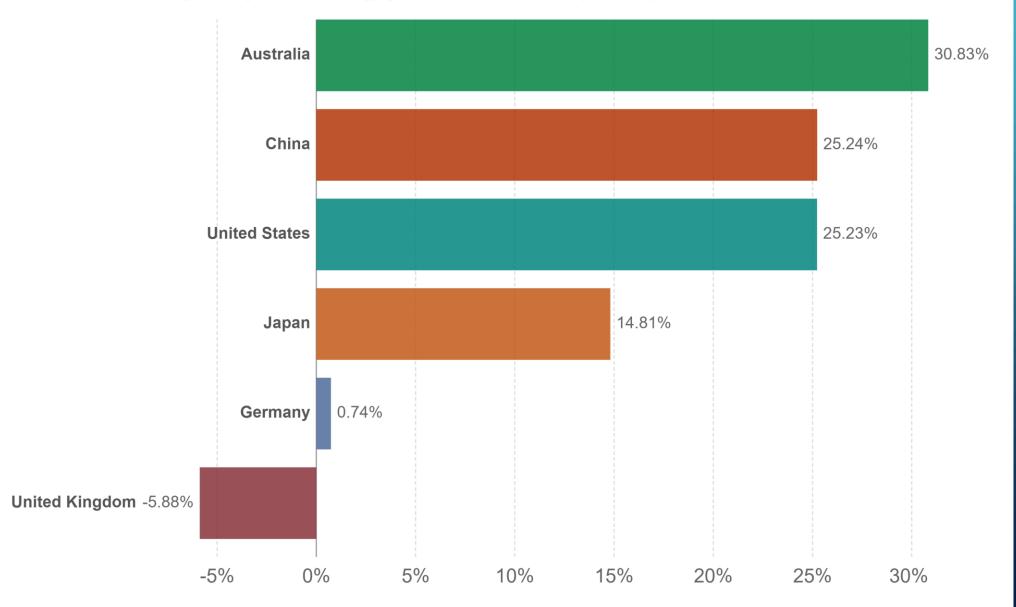
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Note: 'Other renewables' refers to renewable sources including geothermal, biomass, waste, wave and tidal. Traditional biomass is not included.

# Annual percentage change in solar energy generation, 2021



Shown is the percentage change in solar energy generation relative to the previous year.



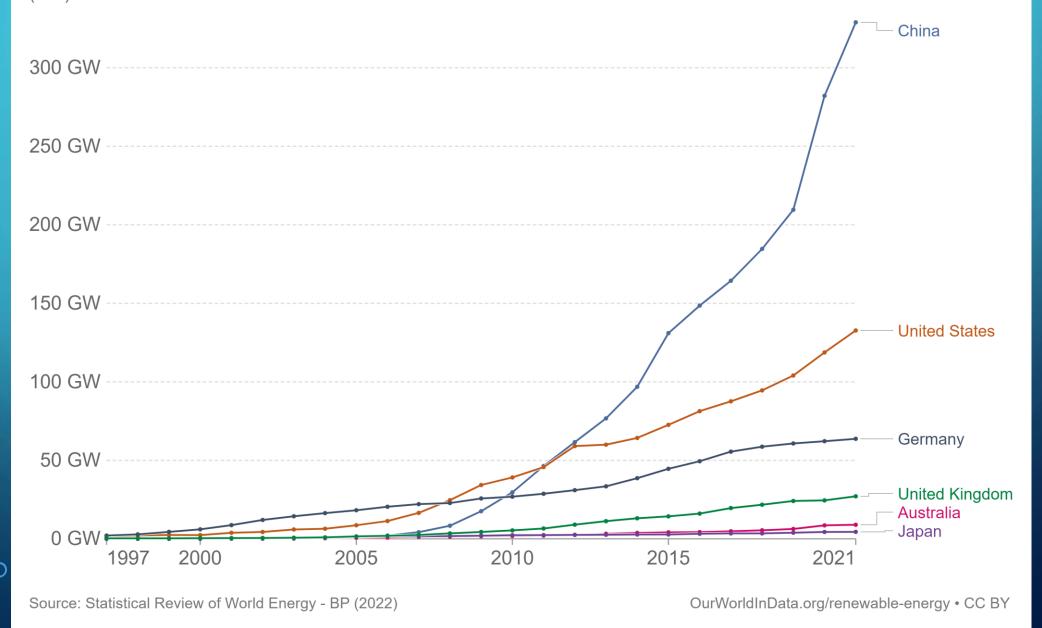
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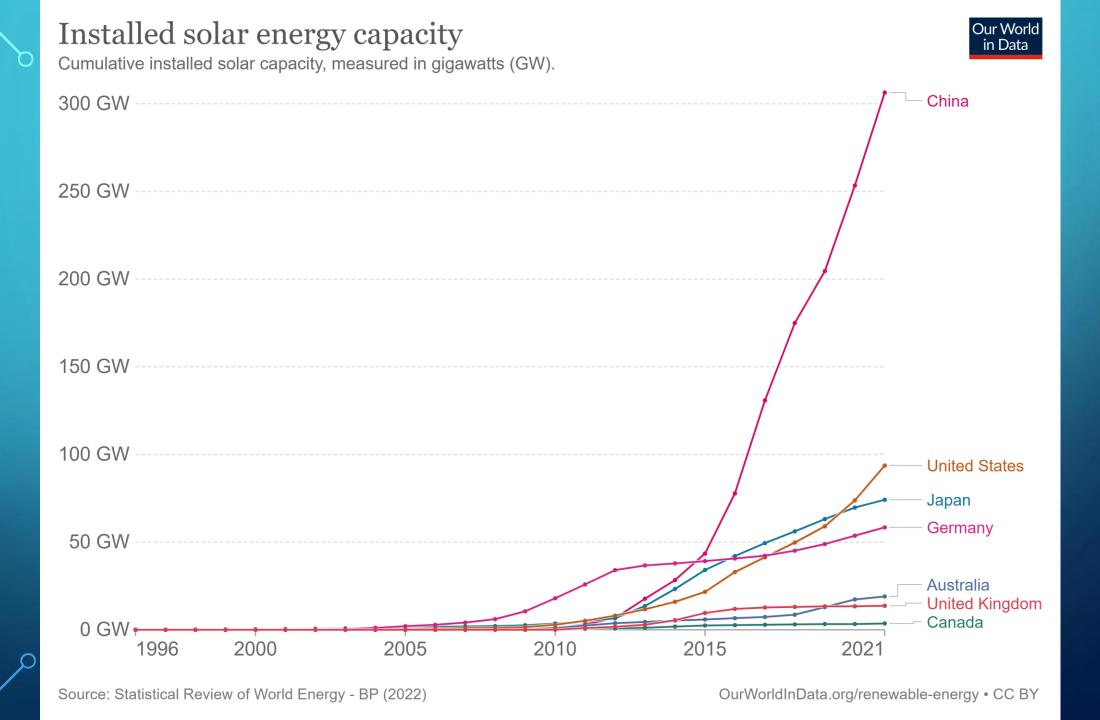
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# Installed wind energy capacity



Cumulative installed wind energy capacity including both onshore and offshore wind sources, measured in gigawatts (GW).

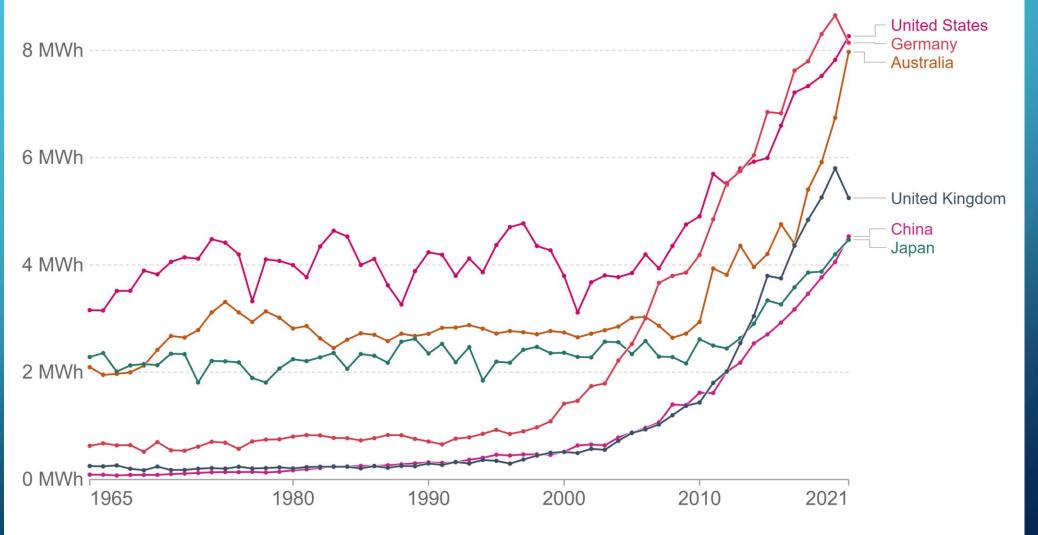




# Per capita energy consumption from renewables, 1965 to 2021



Renewables is the sum of energy from hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, wave and tidal, and bioenergy. Traditional biofuels are not included.



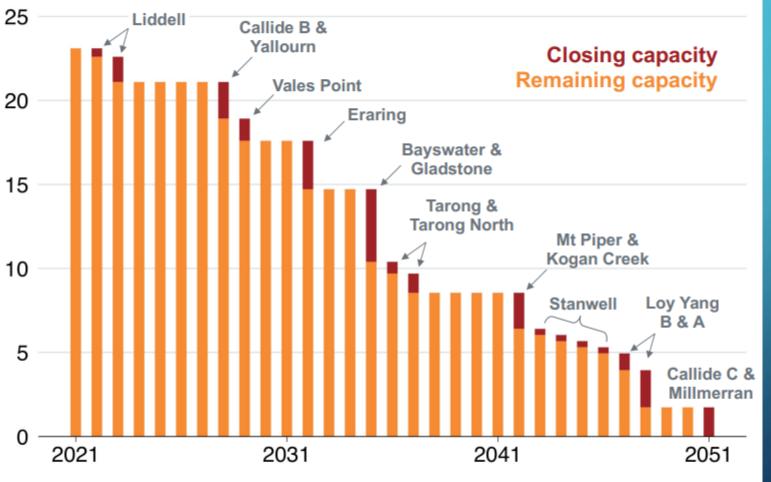
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Note: 'Primary energy' refers to energy in its raw form, before conversion into electricity, heat or transport fuels. It is here measured in terms of 'input equivalents' via the substitution method: the amount of primary energy that would be required from fossil fuels to generate the same amount of electricity from renewables.

Figure 1.1: Most of Australia's coal-fired power stations are scheduled to be retired over the next few decades

Scheduled capacity, gigawatts



Note: No closure date has been announced for Callide C, but the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) estimates it will close in 2051, based on the technical life of the plant: AEMO (2020a).

Sources: Grattan analysis of AEMO (2021a), AEMO (2021b) and EnergyAustralia (2021).

Figure 20 Forecast coal retirements, Step Change technology and regional outlook 25 20 15 Capacity (GW) 10 5

VIC Coal

QLD Coal

**NSW Coal** 



Figure 8 NEM carbon budgets and the resulting emission trajectories 180 Historical NEM 160 emissions Emission Trajectory (Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e) 140 120 100 80 60 Slow Change 40 **Progressive Change** Step Change 932 MT Hydrogen 891 MT 20 Superpower 453 MT 0

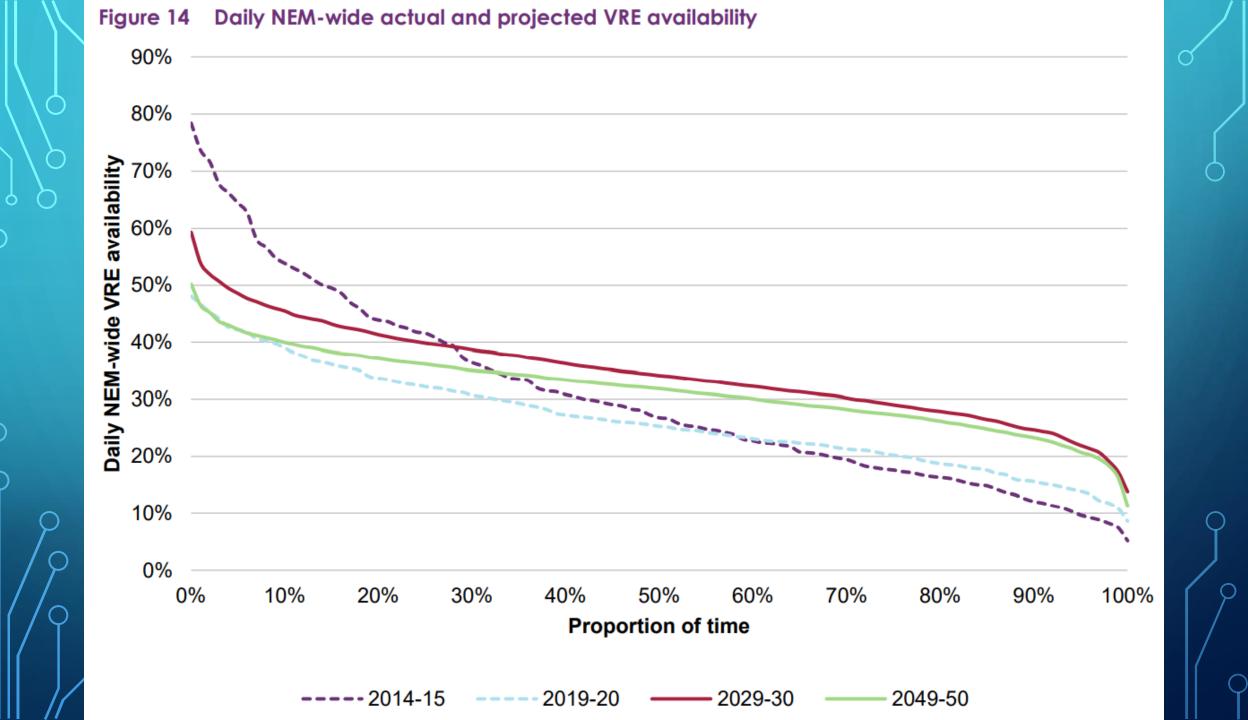
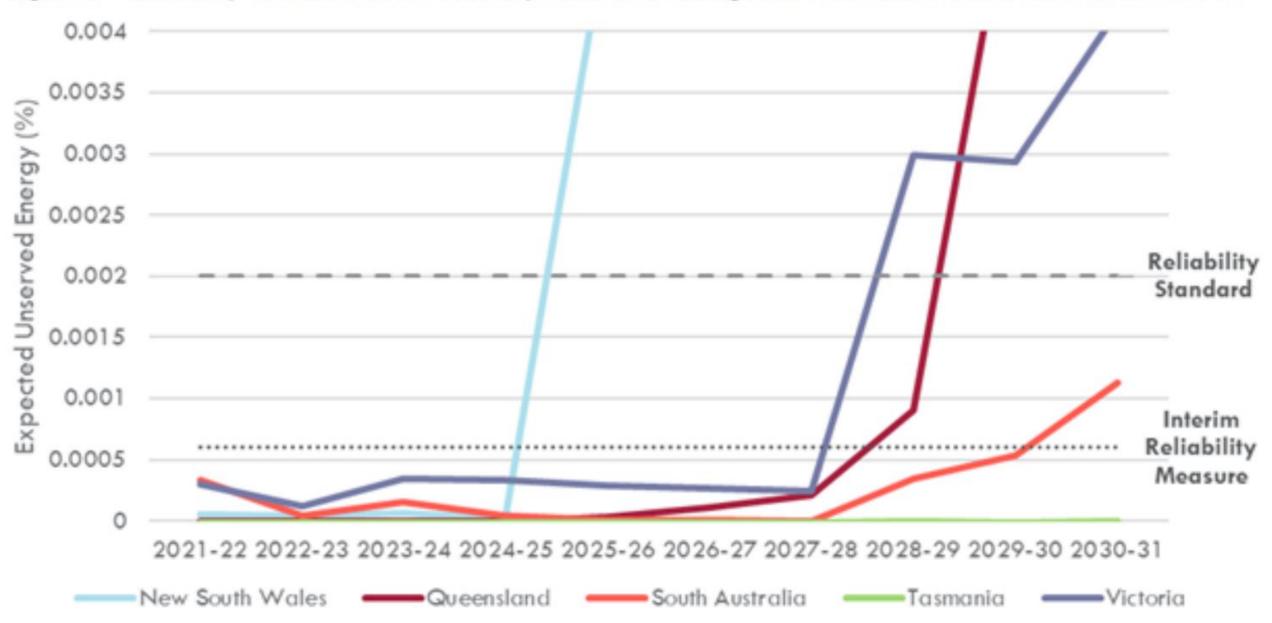


Figure 3 Reliability and indicative reliability forecasts, all regions, Committed case, 2021-22 to 2030-31



WORLD - NUCLEAR POWER CAPACITY						
Country	Presently Installed (& Operational) Capacity (MW)	Under Construction (MW)	Planned Fraction of Electrical Energy by 2030 (%)			
Australia	0	0	0			
USA	96,000	2,000	20			
Russia	29,000					
Japan	32,000	3,000	20			
France	61,000		Est. 65 -70			
China	50,000	17,000	20			
UK	7,000	3,000	25			
South Korea	26,000					
Canada	13,500	0				
India	7,000	8,000				
World	400,000					





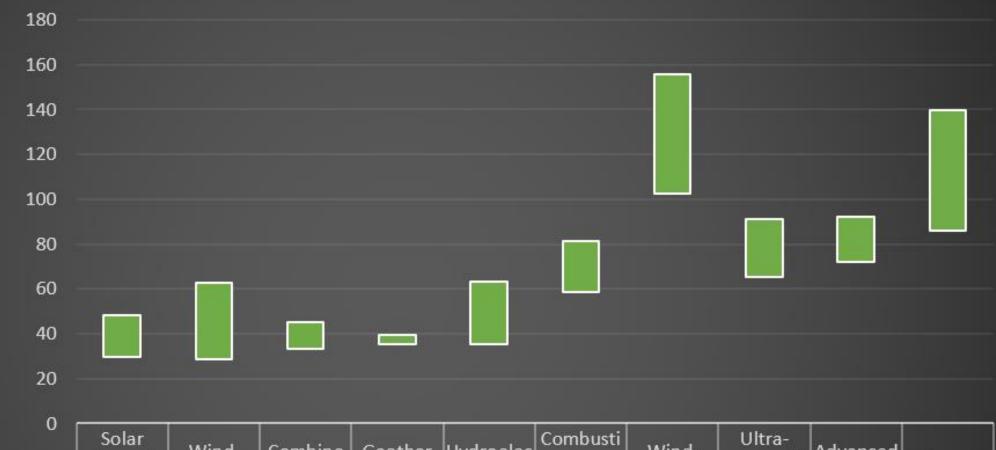




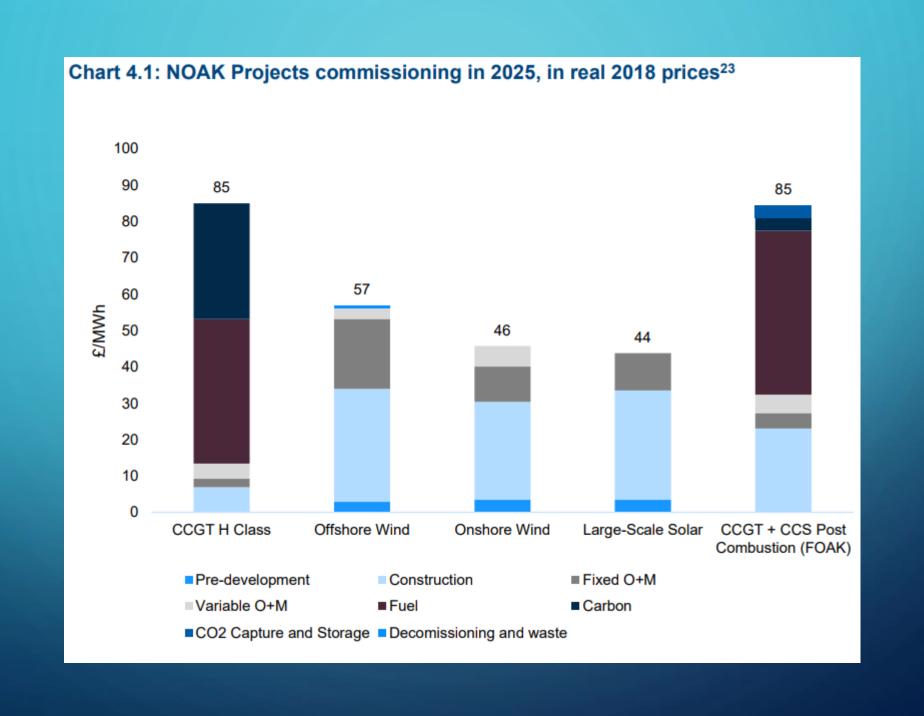




# Projected LCOE USA by 2025 (as of 2020)



	Solar photovolt aic (PV)	Wind, onshore	Combine d cycle	Geother mal	Hydroelec tric	Combusti on Turbine	Wind, offshore	Ultra- supercriti cal coal	Advanced Nuclear	Biomass
Min	29.75	28.72	33.35	35.13	35.37	58.48	102.68	65.1	71.9	86.19
Simple Average	35.74	39.95	38.07	37.47	52.79	66.62	122.25	76.44	81.65	94.83
Capacity weighted average	32.8	34.1	36.61	37.47	39.54	68.71	115.04			
Max	48.09	62.72	45.31	39.6	63.24	81.37	155.55	91.27	92.04	139.96



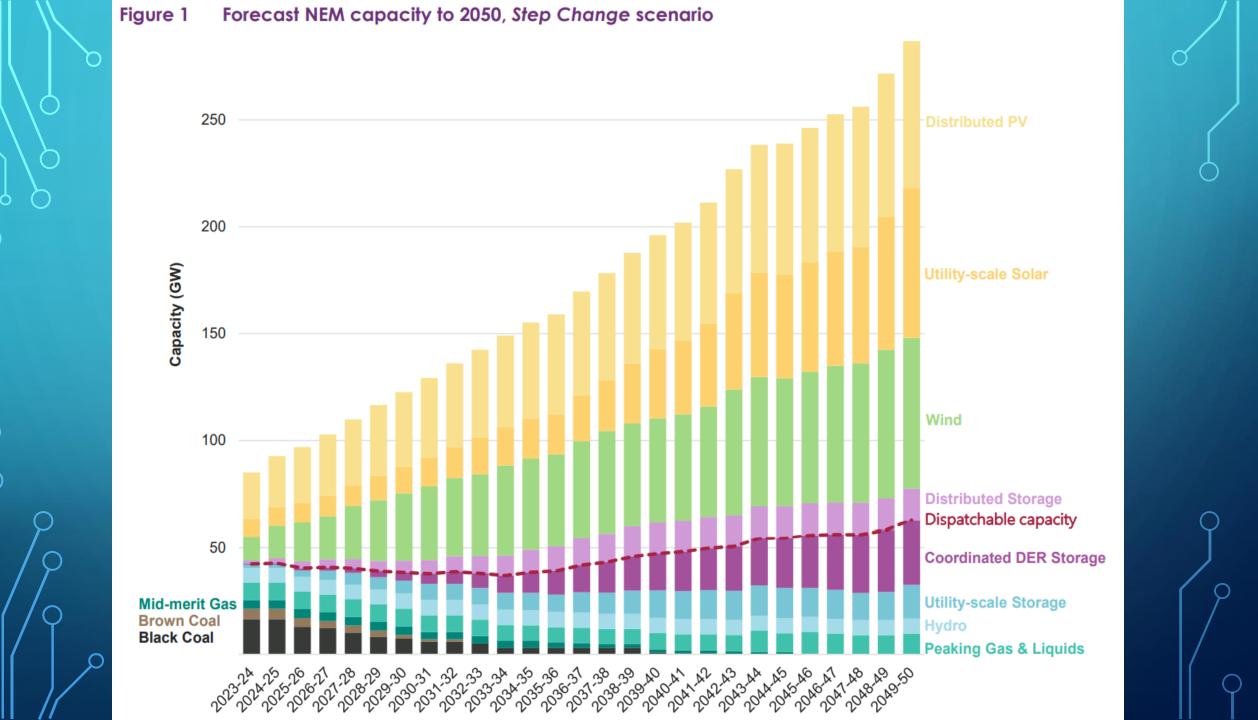
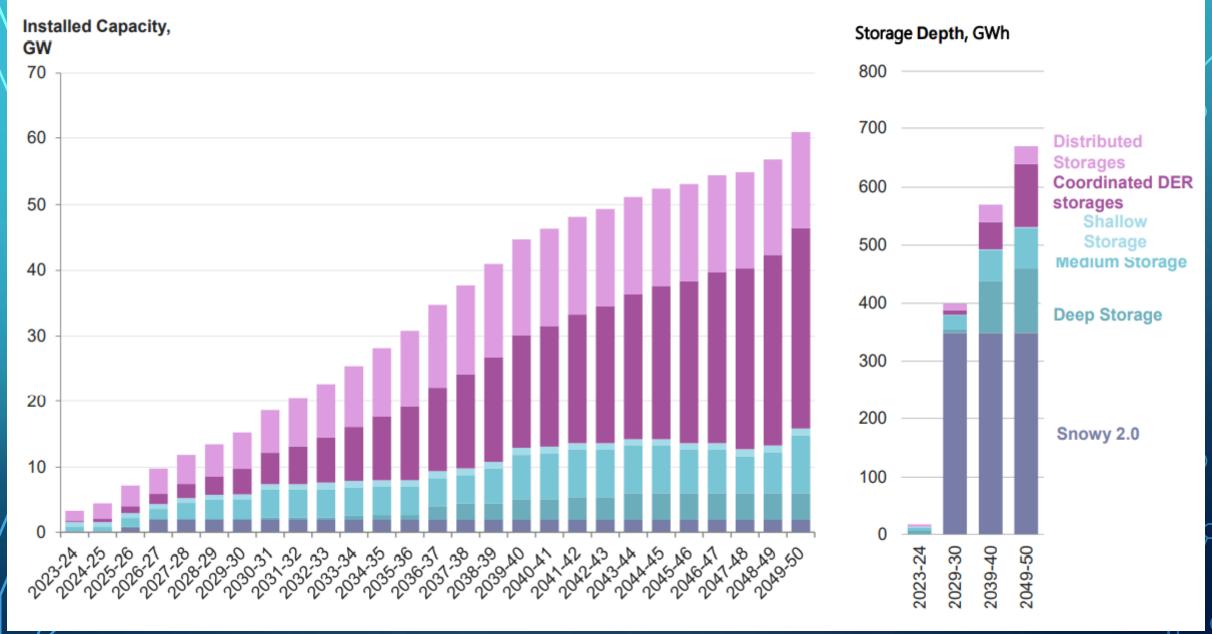


Figure 23 Forecast of MW storage capacity (left) and energy storage capacity (right), Step Change



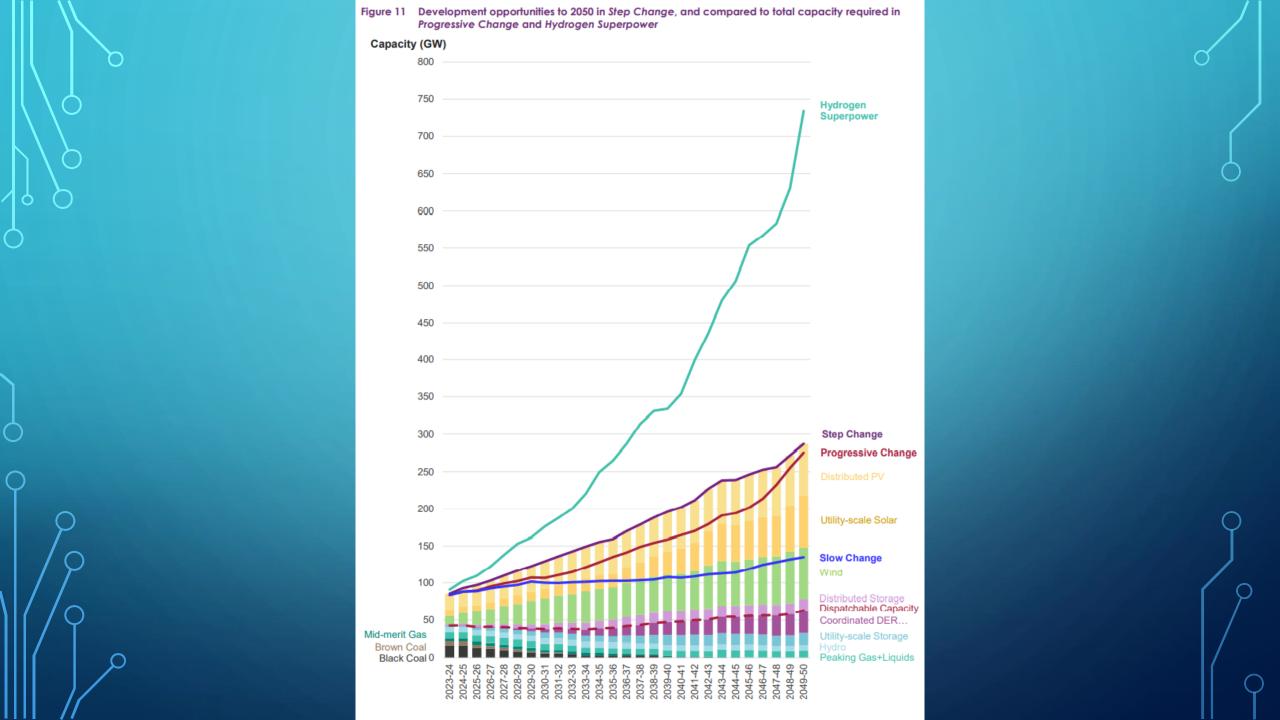
#### AUSTRALIA - NATIONAL ELECTRICITY MARKET

# CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE RENEWABLES SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE NET ZERO CO₂ BY 2050

Generation or Energy Storage Type	Capacity (MW)	Unit Cost to Install \$/MW	Total Cost (\$ billions)
1. Rooftop Solar	70,000	1,400 (no batteries)	98
2. Utility Scale Solar	70,000	700	49
3. Wind	75,000	1,500	112
<ol><li>Distributed Storage (home batteries)</li></ol>	15,000	500	7
<ol><li>Coordinated DER Storage (vehicle batteries).</li></ol>	30,000	1,000	30
6. Utility Scale Storage	15,000	1,000	15
7. Hydro	6,000	3,000	18
8. Gas Fired Thermal	8,000	1,600	13
9. Transmission (km)	10,000	1,000/km	10
TOTAL	289,000		352

#### HYDROGEN vs BATTERIES

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	HYDROGEN		BATTERIES	
Energy Conversion Option	Electrolysis / fuel cell / electric motor		Li-ion / electric motor	
Transport to consumer	Road/rail to retail point of sale		Transmission line to retail charging station	
Energy efficiency	Electrolysis	70%	Transmission	95%
	Compression	85%	Battery charge	99%
	Transport to consumer	80%	Engine Conversion	90%
	Fuel cell conversion to electricity	60%	Battery leakage	90%
	DC to AC conversion	90%		
	Engine conversion	90%		
	TOTAL	23%		76%
Cost per kilometre (index)		8.0		1.0
Time to refill		5 minutes		3 hours





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