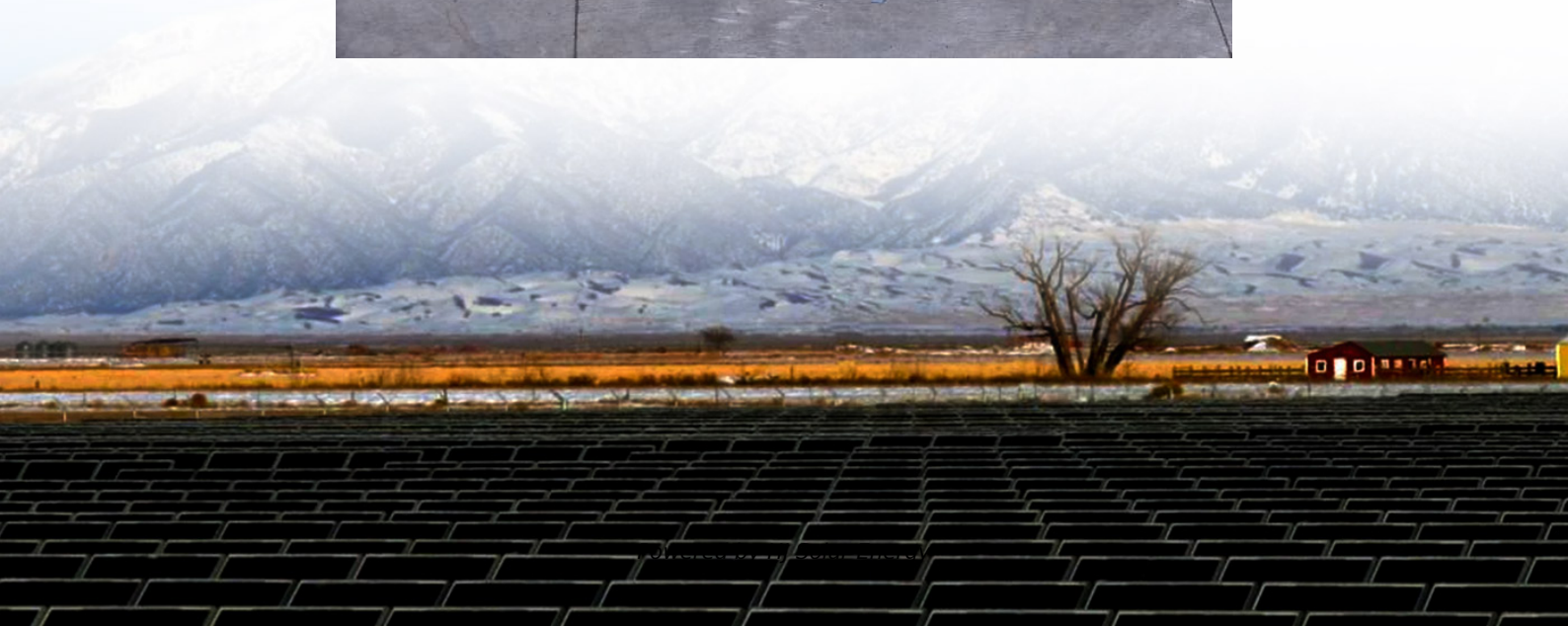


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## Overview

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A new report published by Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) has found that large-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) capital costs have improved the most in 2024-25, falling by 20% year-on-year (YoY). Detailed within the organisation's GenCost.

The first quarter (Q1) of 2025 has seen a surge in investment for large-scale battery storage in Australia, with six projects worth a total of A\$2.4bn (\$1.5bn) reaching the financial commitment stage, according to the latest Clean Energy Australia Report 2025. This marks the second-highest.

"The project cost of around \$A437 a kilowatt hour (kWh) is the cheapest we've seen in the Australia market," Dixon notes, although he says that is partly due to the fact that the second stage will piggy back on the civil construction and other works of the first stage. near or below \$A600/kWh.

The New England Solar Farm - Battery Energy Storage System is a 1,400,000kW lithium-ion battery energy storage project located in Uralla, New South Wales, Australia. The rated storage capacity of the project is 2,800,000kWh. The electro-chemical battery storage project uses lithium-ion battery.



The successful projects have committed a total investment of \$12.5 million (USD 8.3 million) of shared benefits to local project communities and \$6.5 million of initiatives for local First Nations groups. There will be opportunities for local apprenticeships and training, including for First. Are battery energy storage projects getting funding from Australian Government?

Six large-scale battery energy storage projects in South Australia and Victoria have been earmarked to receive funding from the Australian government's Capacity Investment Scheme.

How much is battery storage worth in Australia?

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Which venture capital funds invest in Australia's battery storage market?

It is one of the largest venture capital funds dedicated to renewable energy in Australia, with the Australian Government's multi-million dollar commitment matched dollar for dollar by Softbank China Venture Capital. Email - [media@arena.gov.au](mailto:media@arena.gov.au) Media release - Investing in Australia's battery storage market (PDF 281KB).

How many battery storage projects commenced construction in 2025?

In addition to the six projects that reached financial commitment, a further three battery storage projects commenced construction in the first quarter of 2025, with a total of 840 MW / 2.9 GWh in storage capacity / energy output.

Is Australia a good place to buy lithium batteries?

"Nine out of the ten critical minerals necessary for lithium batteries can be found here in Australia, which gives us a massive jobs and economic opportunity in the net zero transformation," Minister Bowen said. "Few countries have as much to gain from the world's shift to electric vehicles and the huge lift in battery storage as Australia.

Why should Australia invest in energy storage systems?

Energy storage systems, such as big batteries, are a critical part of Australia's future energy mix and act as a reliable back-up system allowing us to store



renewable energy for when it is needed most and keep the lights on under all conditions. It's great to see the high levels of investment we've seen over the past couple of years continue.



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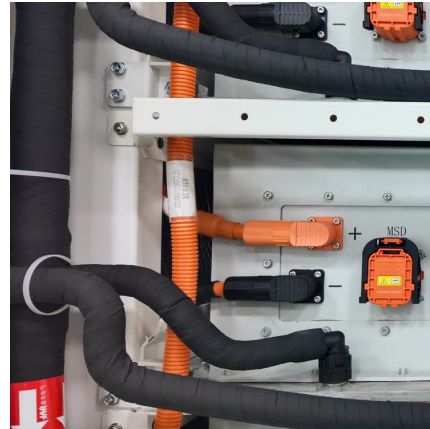
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Given the range of factors that influence the cost of a 1 MW battery storage system, it's difficult to provide a specific price. However, industry



estimates suggest that the cost of a 1 MW lithium-ion battery storage system ...

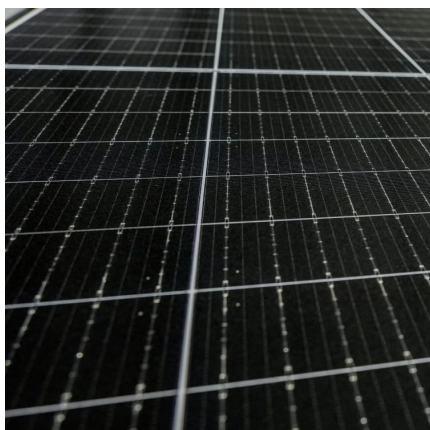


### Hornsedale Power Reserve

Hornsedale Power Reserve is a 150 MW (194 MWh) grid-connected energy storage system owned by Neoen co-located with the Hornsdale Wind Farm in the Mid North region of South Australia, ...

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Assumed capital structure of 80% equity (with a 12% cost of equity) and 20% debt (with an 8% cost of debt). Capital cost units are the total investment divided by the storage equipment's ...



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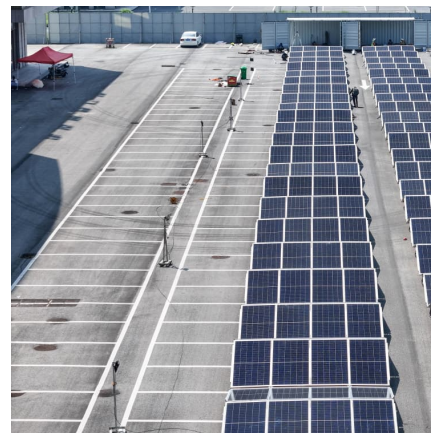


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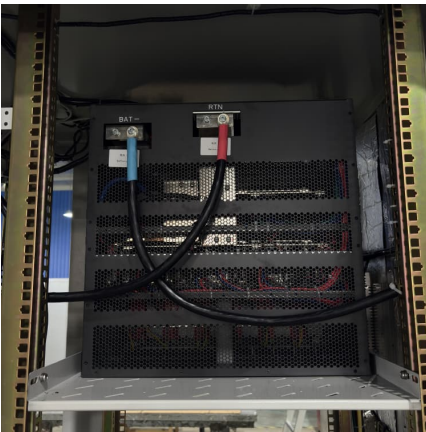
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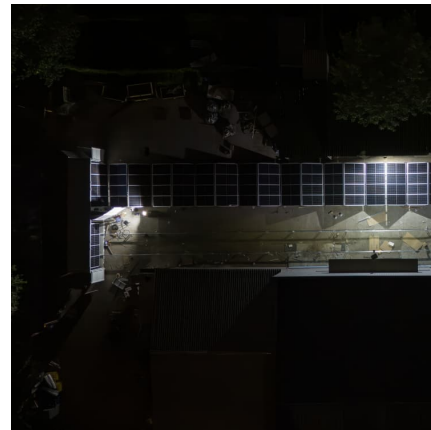
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The battery storage project is one of two being funded with AU\$2.3 billion (US\$1.52 billion) from the Western Australia State Budget 2023-2024. The project, which will cost around AU\$1.6 billion to construct fully, ...



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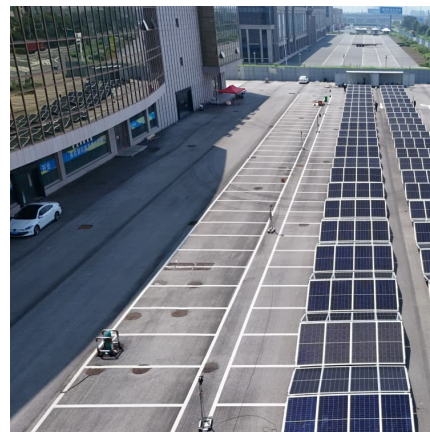


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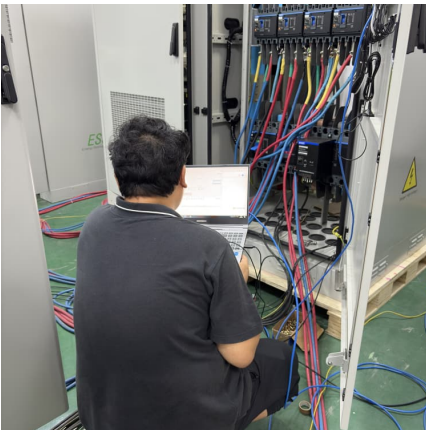
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German utility RWE has announced its investment decision to construct Australia's inaugural eight-hour battery energy storage system (BESS) in New South Wales. The project, adjacent to an existing solar farm near ...



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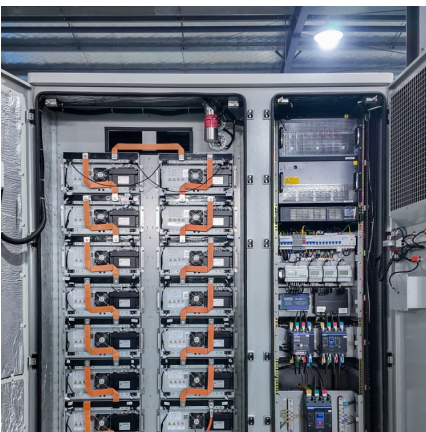
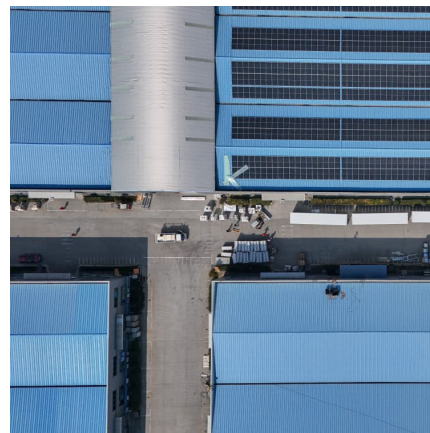


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The BESS plant will be adjacent to RWE's existing Limondale PV plant in southwestern NSW. Image: NSW. The clean energy development arm of German utility company RWE has been awarded a long-term contract for a ...

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