

# **Cost of new energy storage equipment in Australia**





## Overview

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Why do we need balancing energy storage technologies in Australia?

Increasing gap between maximum and minimum operational demand in Australia call for urgent need of balancing storage technologies. Fast response hybrid battery-supercapacitor energy storage are deemed prudent solution for the transition period, while PHES and Hydrogen are for long-term storage.

Are Australia's big battery costs coming down?

Image: EnergyAustralia. The Riverina and Darlington Point BESS. The developers of Victoria's first four-hour big battery say the costs of building large-scale battery energy storage are coming down in Australia, as demand grows and the dynamics of the global supply chain start to settle.

What are Australia's next low-cost energy options?

Gas with carbon capture and storage (CCS) followed by and large-scale nuclear are the next lowest cost options, but as neither is currently used for electricity generation in Australia, both may face longer lead times and first-of-a-kind premiums.

Which energy storage options are a good option for the future?

Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES), Compressed Air Energy Storage System (CAES), and green hydrogen (via fuel cells, and fast response hydrogen-fueled gas peaking turbines) will be options for medium to long-term storage. Batteries and SCs are assessed as a prudent option for the immediate net zero targets for 2030-2050.

How long does it take to develop energy storage systems?

Development times are considered to be 2.5-3.5 years. Liquid air (LAES), zinc-bromine batteries (ZNBR), underground hydrogen and thermal energy storage systems are all being studied to meet medium-duration and grid-scale storage applications.



What are the applications for energy storage and current limitations?

Applications for energy storage and current limitations are outlined as: Major grids: These will need a substantial storage capacity as dispatchable generation leaves the grid. It will need to be of varying durations to be able to deal with changes in supply and demand.



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