



# Australian energy storage policy

How is energy stored in Australia?

Currently storage of electrical energy in Australia consists of a small number of pumped hydroelectric facilities and grid-scale batteries, and a diversity of battery storage systems at small scale, used mainly for backup. To balance energy use across the Australian economy, heat and fuel (chemical energy) storage are also required.

Can Australia meet its energy storage needs on the road to net zero?

They are all examples of the pivotal innovation required to ensure Australia can meet its energy storage needs on the road to net zero. Long-Duration Energy Storage (LDES) is proving to be an important technology for Australia's net zero ambitions.

How can long-duration energy storage benefit Australia?

Seasonal balancing during low-supply periods. By embedding long-duration energy storage into the heart of the grid, Australia can move from variable renewable supply to 24/7 renewable energy on which communities and industries can rely across days, weeks, and seasons. Long-duration energy storage brings clean power closer to the end user.

Which energy storage technology is best for Australia's energy needs?

The CEC said emerging LDES technologies coupled with the energy storage systems in place, would be the best suite to appropriately manage Australia's needs. In March this year, the ARENA held an Insights Forum which covered energy storage and technologies that can bring system security to the grid.

How will Australian energy policy help the community?

We will provide long-term benefit to the Australian community through improved energy supply, efficiency, quality, performance and productivity. These policies and programs will also support the Australian Government meet its legislated emissions reduction targets of 43% by 2030 and net zero by 2050.

Does Australia need large-scale hydrogen storage?

Hydrogen: Large-scale storage would be required if Australia is to meet its hydrogen export ambitions. Hydrogen storage could also play a role in decarbonising heavy-duty vehicles, but it is still emerging. Maturity





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