

# **Australia coal-to-electricity energy storage equipment**





## Overview

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How is electricity stored in Australia?

This means a more reliable and constant supply of energy on and off-grid. 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.

What is energy storage?

Energy storage secures and stabilises energy supply, and services and cross-links the electricity, gas, industrial and transport sectors. It works on and off the grid, in passenger and freight transportation, and in homes as 'behind the meter' batteries and thermal stores or heat pump systems.

Will two-shifting coal be a viable alternative to renewables?

Major coal plants like Bayswater are slated for closure within the next decade, with AGL planning to keep it operational until 2033 and Loy Yang A in Victoria until 2035. The increasing feasibility of two-shifting supports a smoother transition by allowing coal to operate in a more flexible, complementary role alongside renewables.

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.

Is two-shifting the key to energy transition in Australia?

Recently, the first successful trial of two-shifting in Australia was completed at AGL's Bayswater power station in the Hunter Valley, marking a significant step in the energy transition journey. Traditionally, coal plants have operated on a "baseload" model, running continuously to provide a stable supply of



electricity.

Is AEMO planning the cheapest and smartest way to replace coal?

AEMO planning blueprint confirms that renewables and storage the cheapest and smartest way to replace coal, and nuclear would be too slow and costly. But is the rapid transition quick enough?



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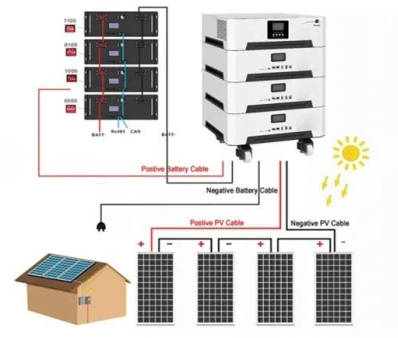
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## AEMO locks in renewables and storage to replace coal, as Australia

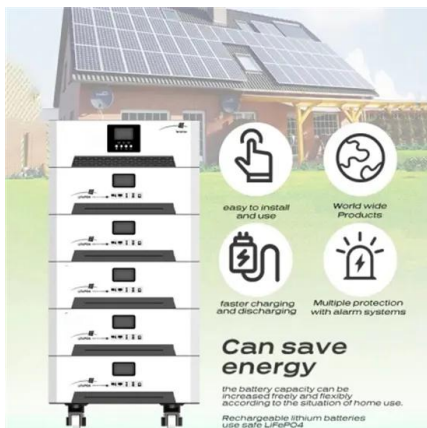
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