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State of the Network

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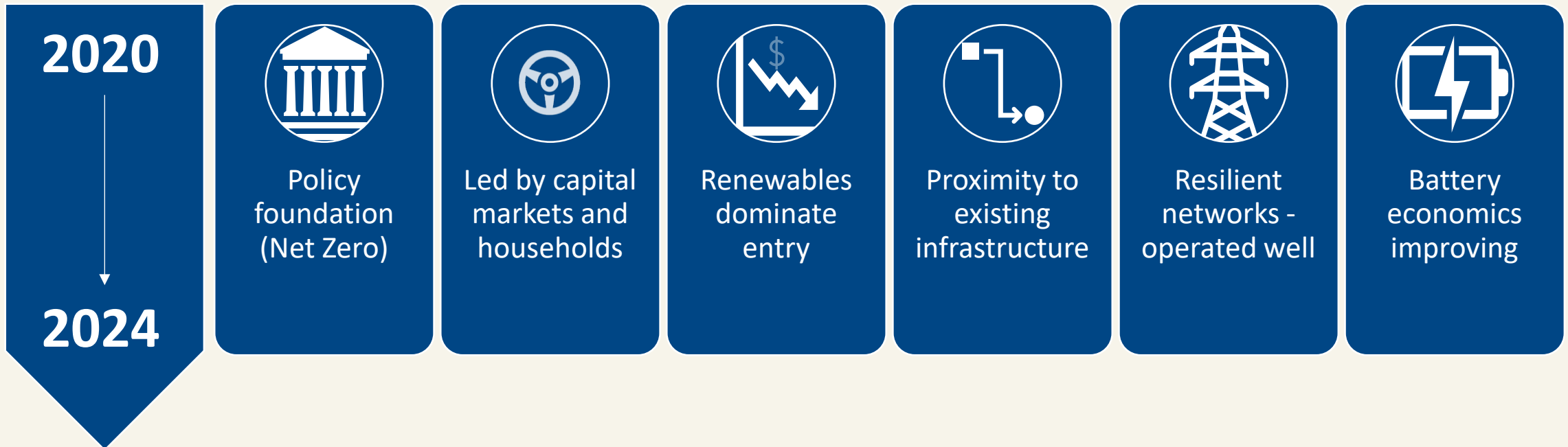
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First stage of the energy transition



Entering the second stage of the energy transition



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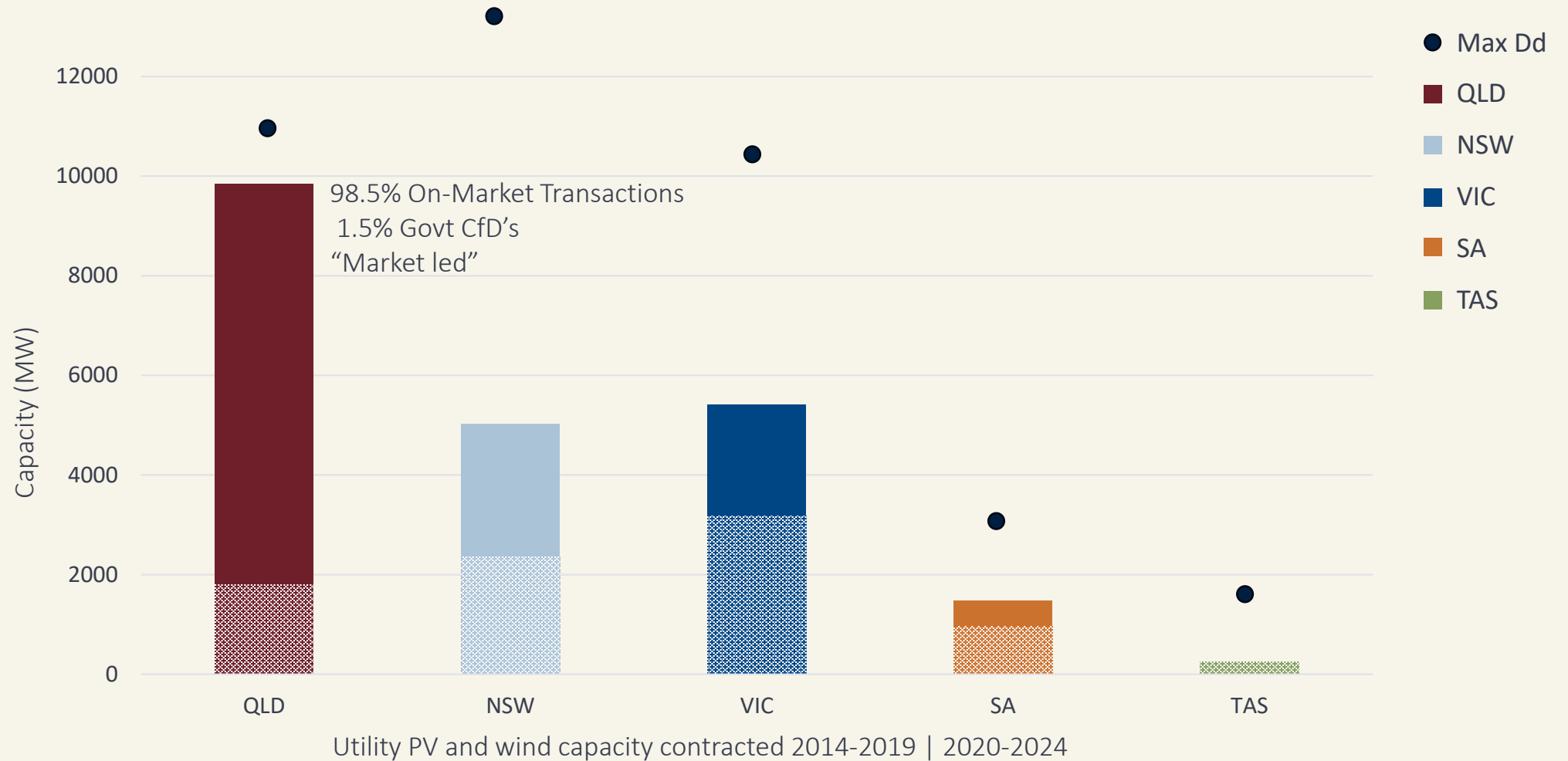
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Market led



Queensland connections

44 renewable and storage projects operational or under construction with combined maximum output of **8,950MW**

As at October 2024, **71 renewable applications** being processed representing **~29,381MW**

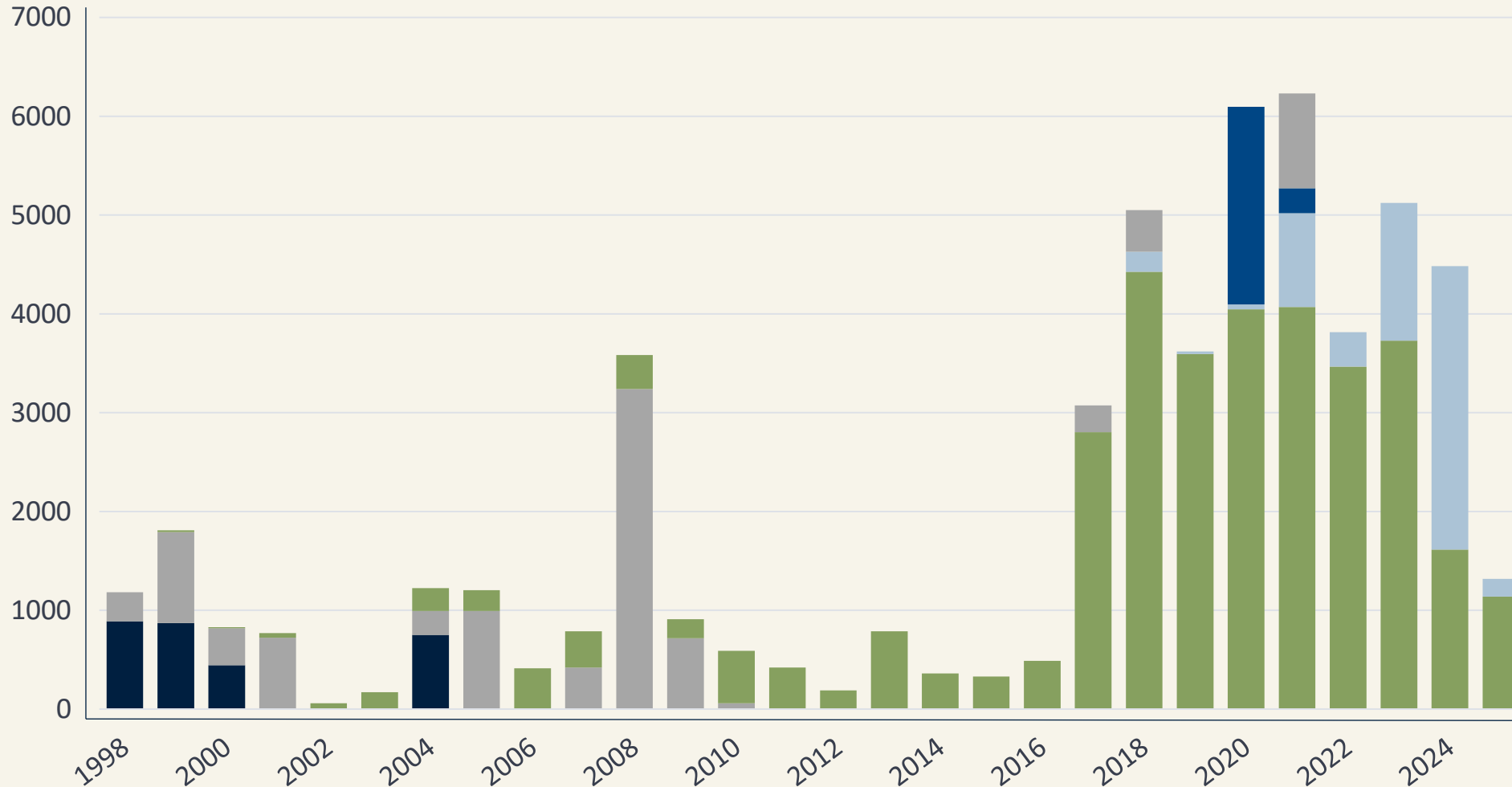
Projects at the **enquiry stage** (including early engagements) with combined max output of **~103GW**



NEM investment commitments 1998-2024

Generation Capacity (MW)

■ Coal ■ Gas ■ VRE ■ Batteries ■ Pumped Hydro



2016-2024

- 223 projects
- 35.4 GW
- \$83.1 billion

Wind

- 56 projects
- 11.3GW
- \$30 billion

Solar

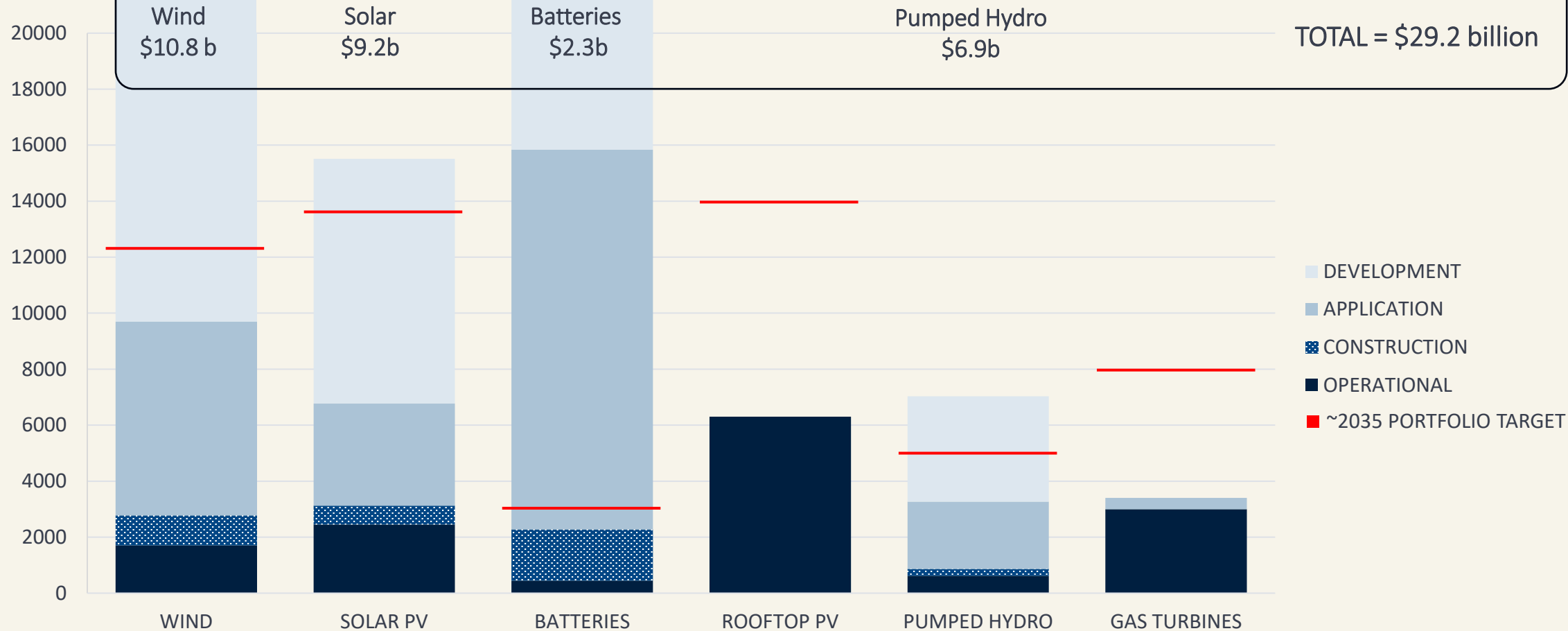
- 111 projects
- 14.1 GW
- \$24.8 bn

Batteries

- 41 projects
- 6 GW
- \$9.9 bn

Queensland forward pipeline

Sum of Capacity (MW)



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Stakeholder perception research - Key themes

Stakeholders identified many key themes in the industry that they expected Powerlink to play a role in addressing.



Energy
affordability



Policy
settings



Community
engagement



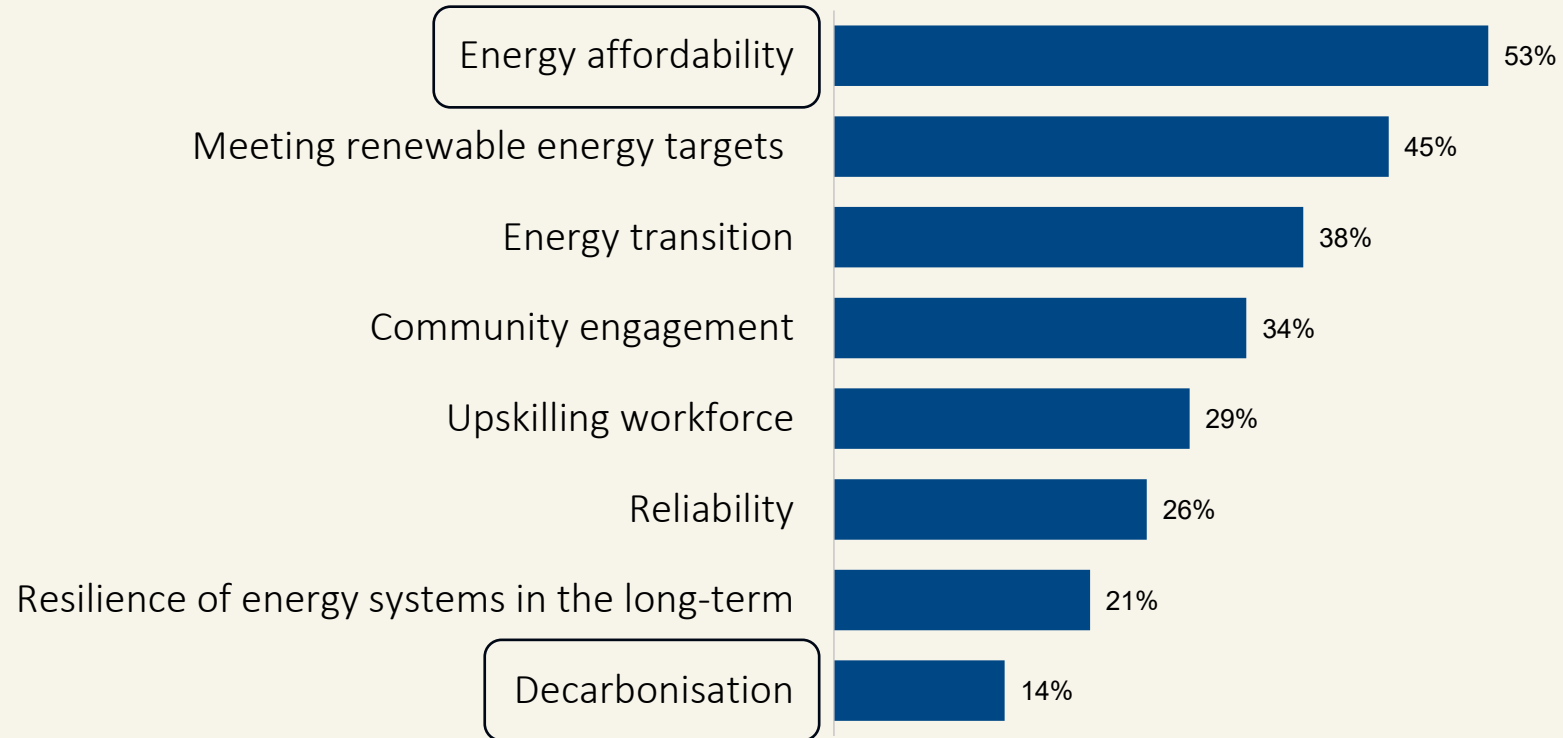
Talent /
workforce
issues



Supply
chain
issues

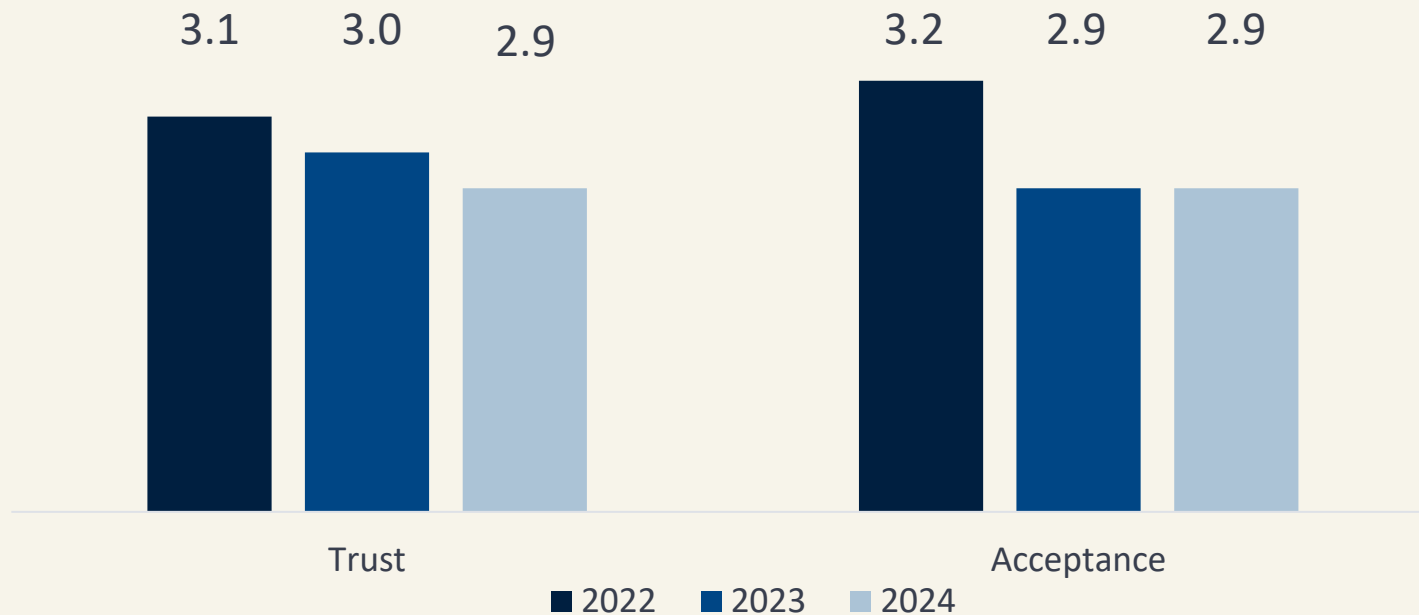
Stakeholder perception research - Key themes

Thinking about the next 5 years, which of the following issues do you think will present the biggest challenge to the energy industry?

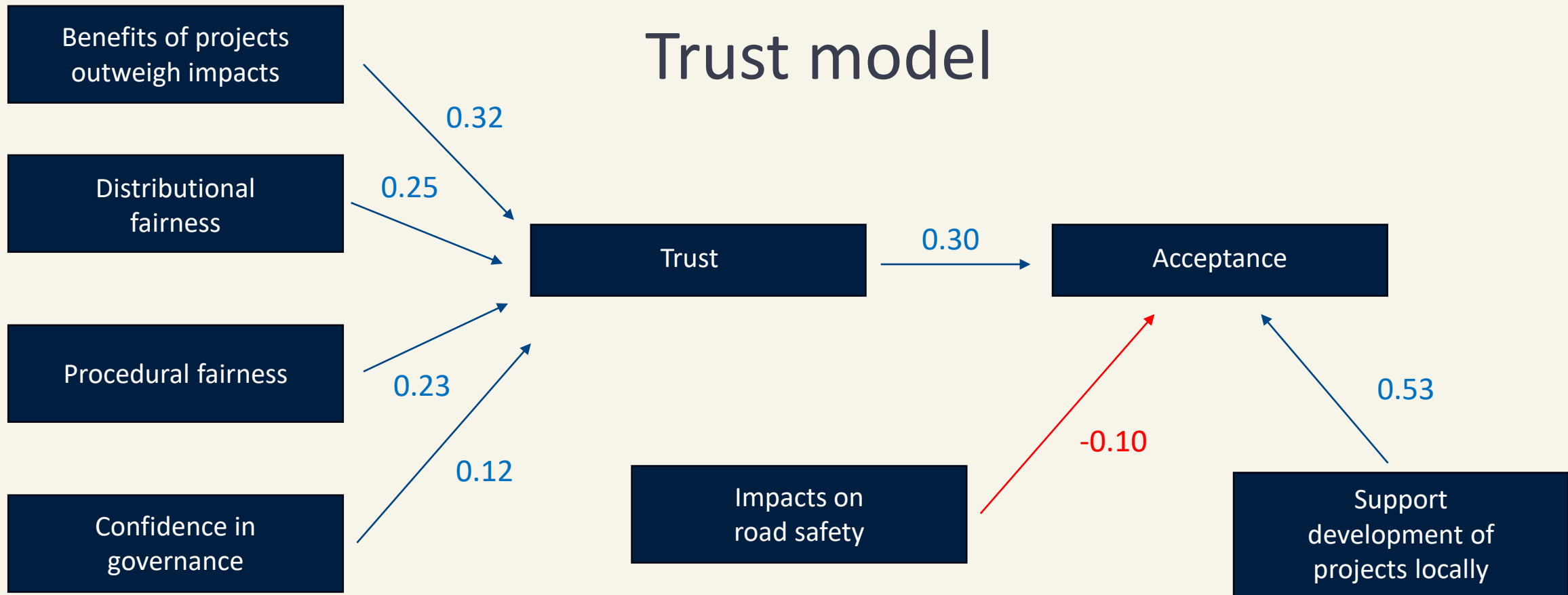


Voconiq community insights research

Community trust and acceptance has slightly reduced overall – but larger variations at individual LGA level



Trust, local community and clean energy



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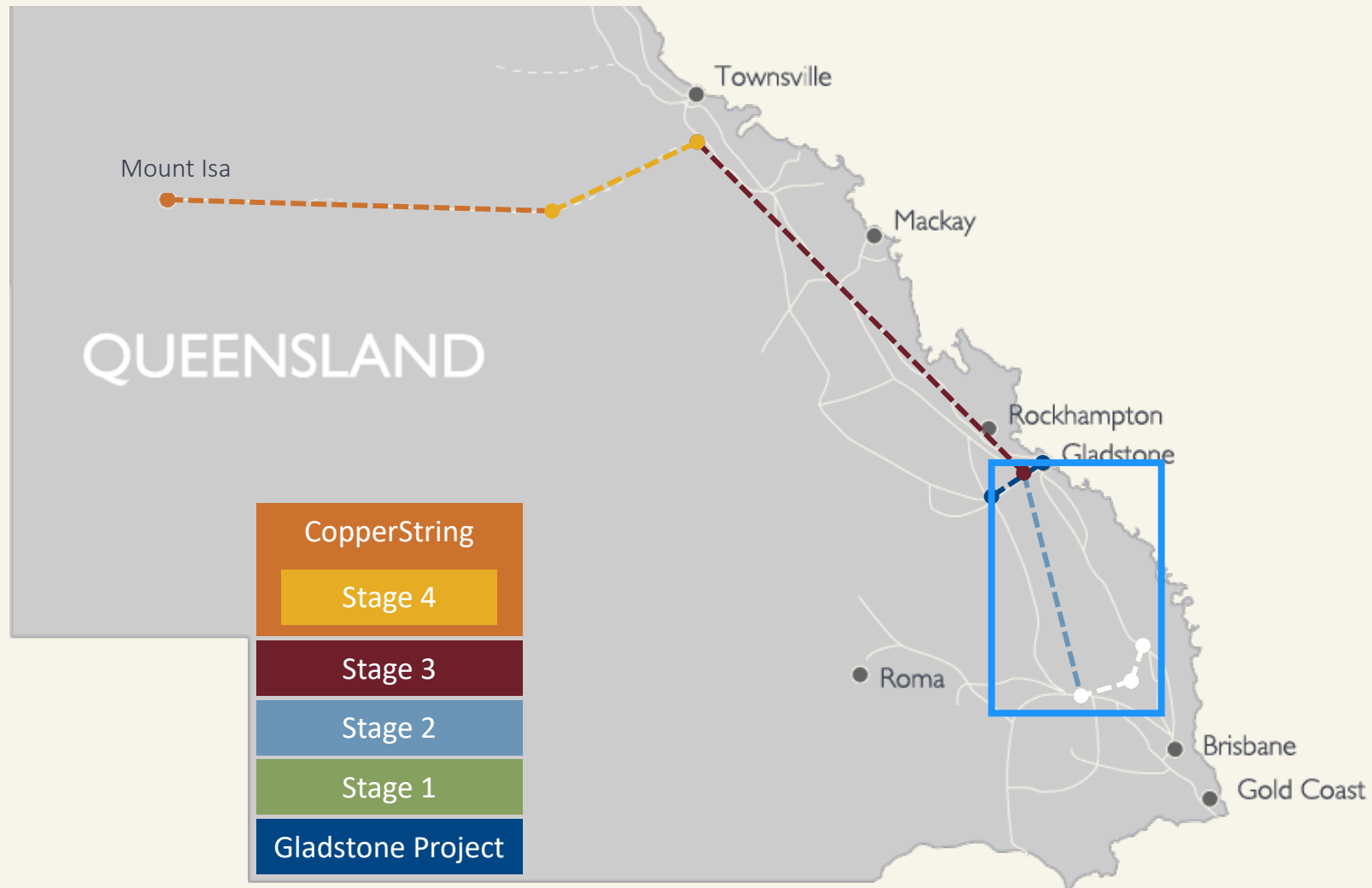
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Queensland transmission backbone – September 2022



Queensland transmission backbone – November 2024



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Renewable Energy Zones



Renewable Energy Zones – In-flight

- Far North Queensland (energised)
- Southern Downs (energised)
- Western Downs (energised*)



Renewable Energy Zones - Planning

- Callide REZ
- Calliope REZ
- Darling Downs REZ



Renewable Energy Zones



	FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND	SOUTHERN DOWNS	WESTERN DOWNS
Network capacity	~500MW	~ 2,000MW	~1,800MW
Contracted capacity	152MW	890MW	500MW
Application date	September 2019	December 2020	January 2021
Energisation date	October 2022	December 2023	November 2024
Cycle time	3.2 years	3.0 years	3.7 years

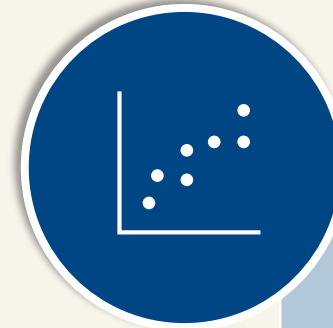
Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) developer insights



Overall positive sentiment towards Queensland REZ approach



Support for market led REZ model



Conditional support for planned curtailment



Unanimous support for early community engagement

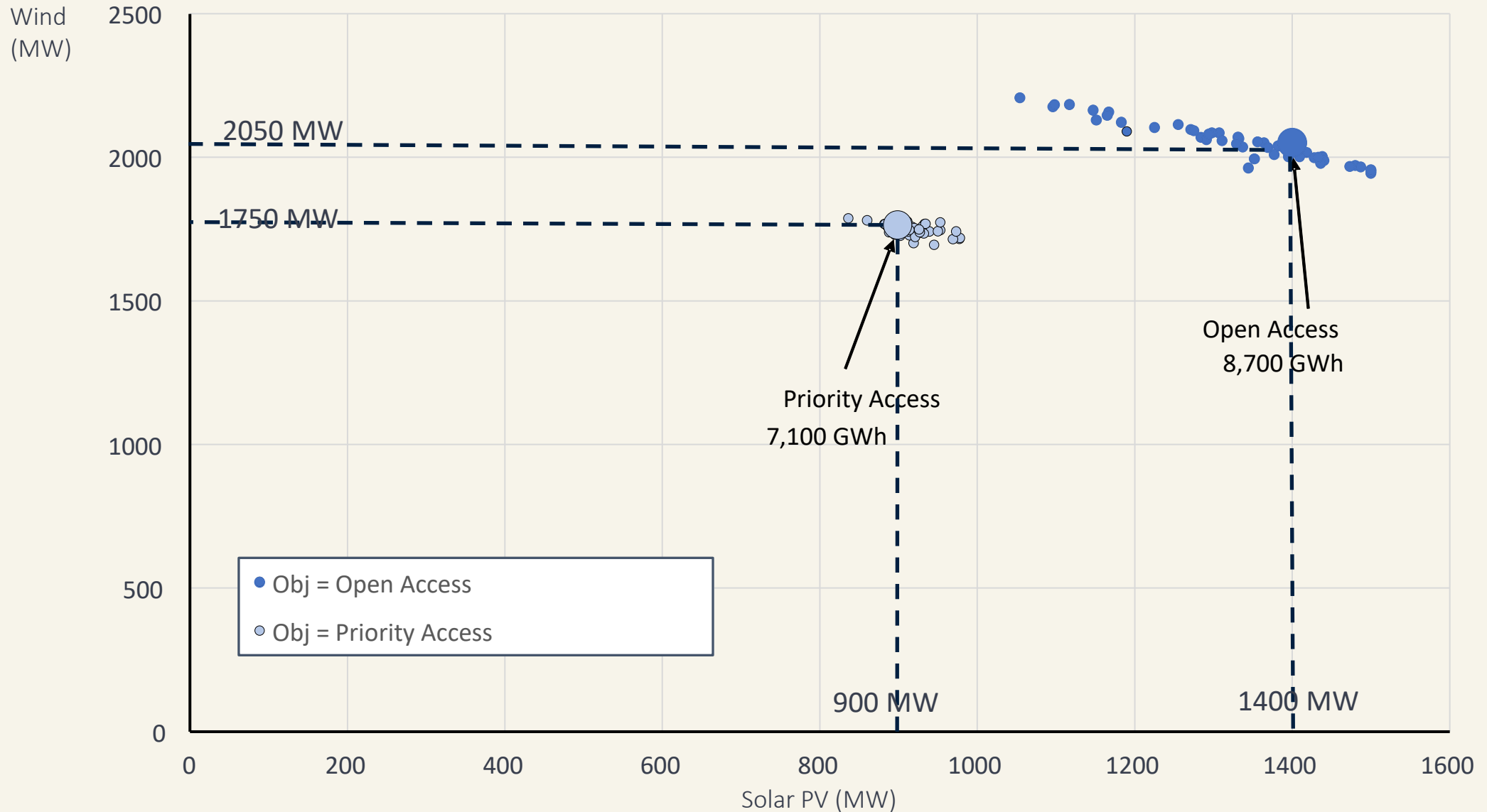


Conditional support for near-term wind bias

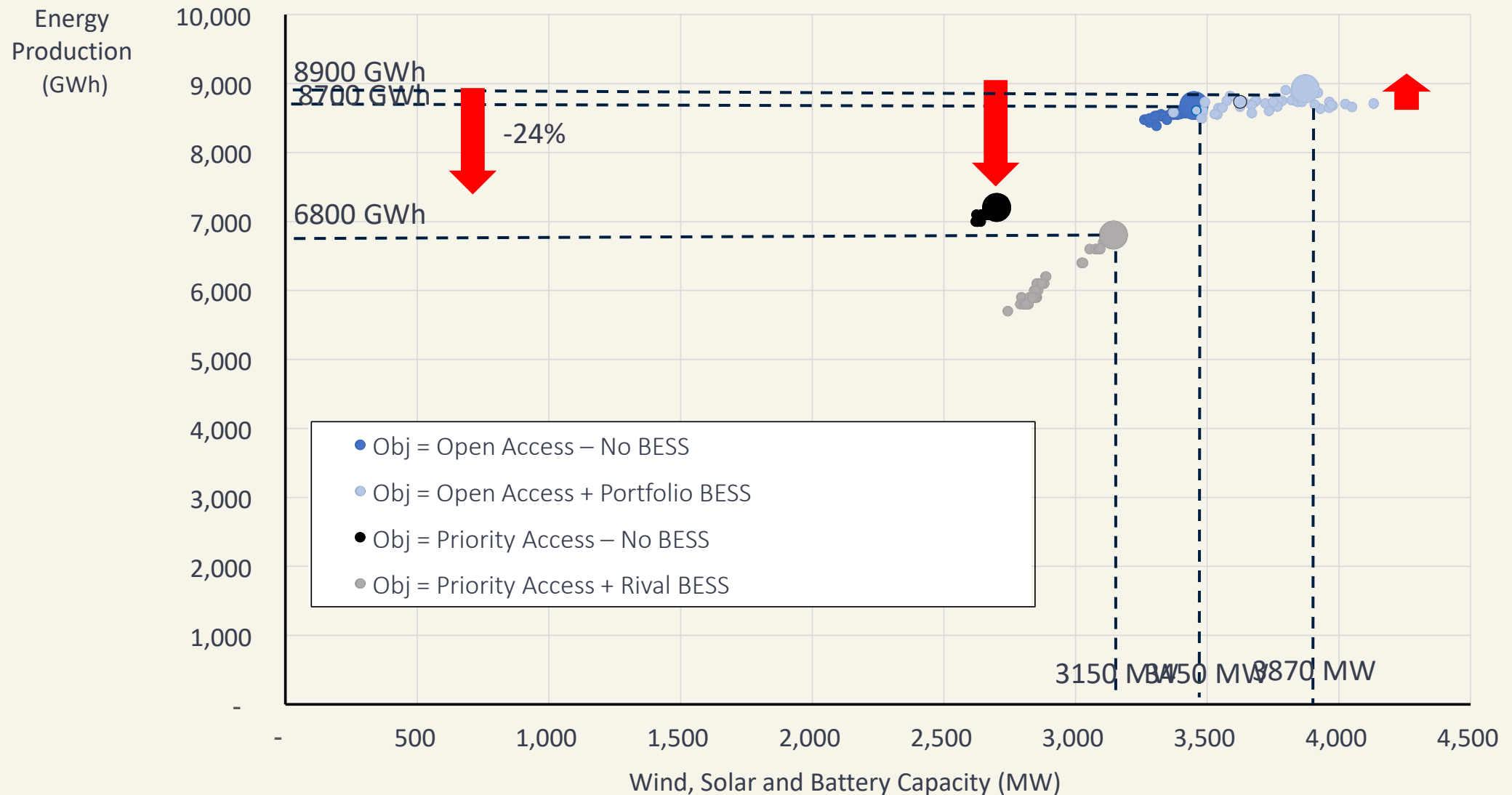


More information and clarity needed on key REZ aspects

REZ Open Access v Priority Access (275kV REZ)



REZ Access: Impact of Batteries (275kV REZ)



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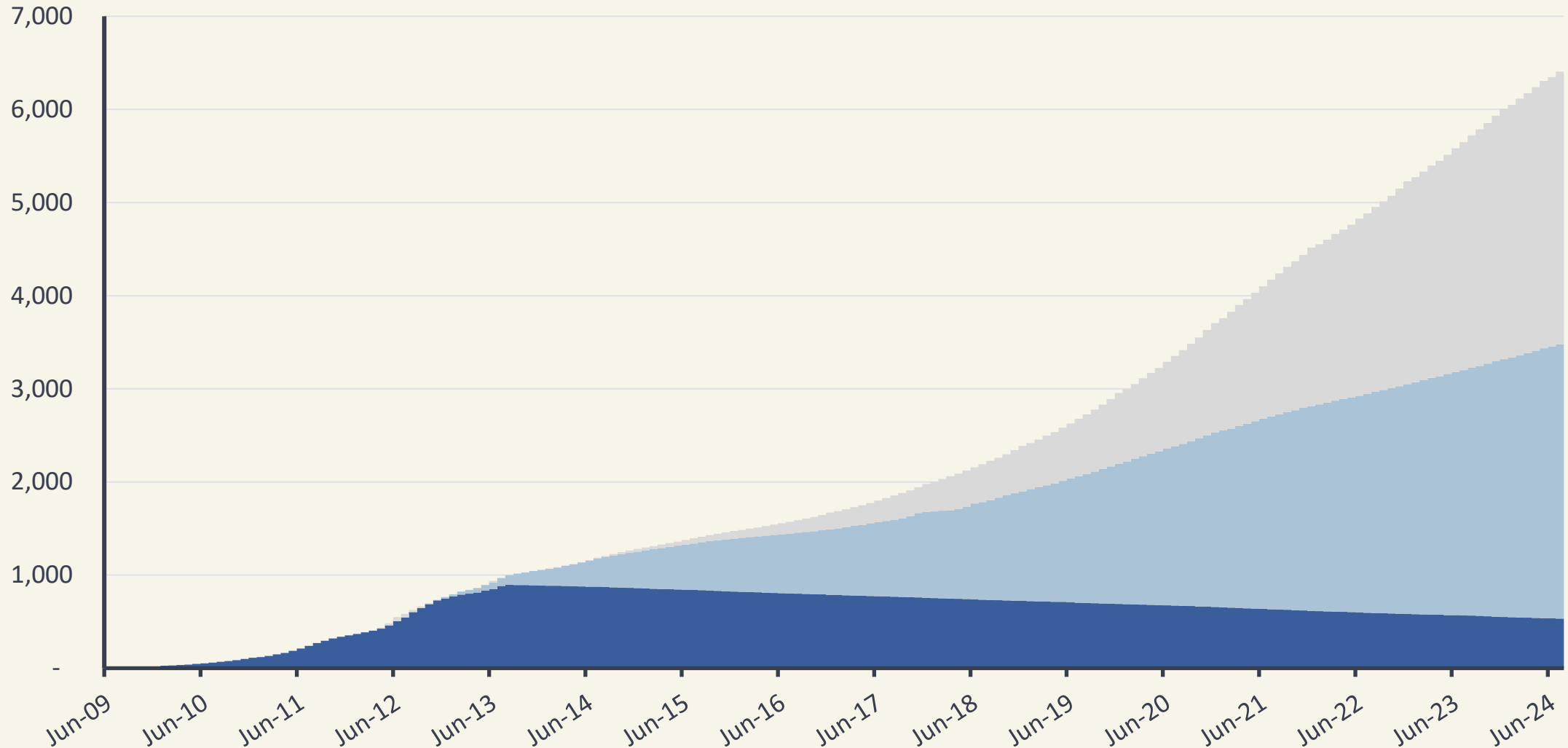
Queensland rooftop solar PV – 51.3% take-up rate

Rooftop PV Capacity (kW)

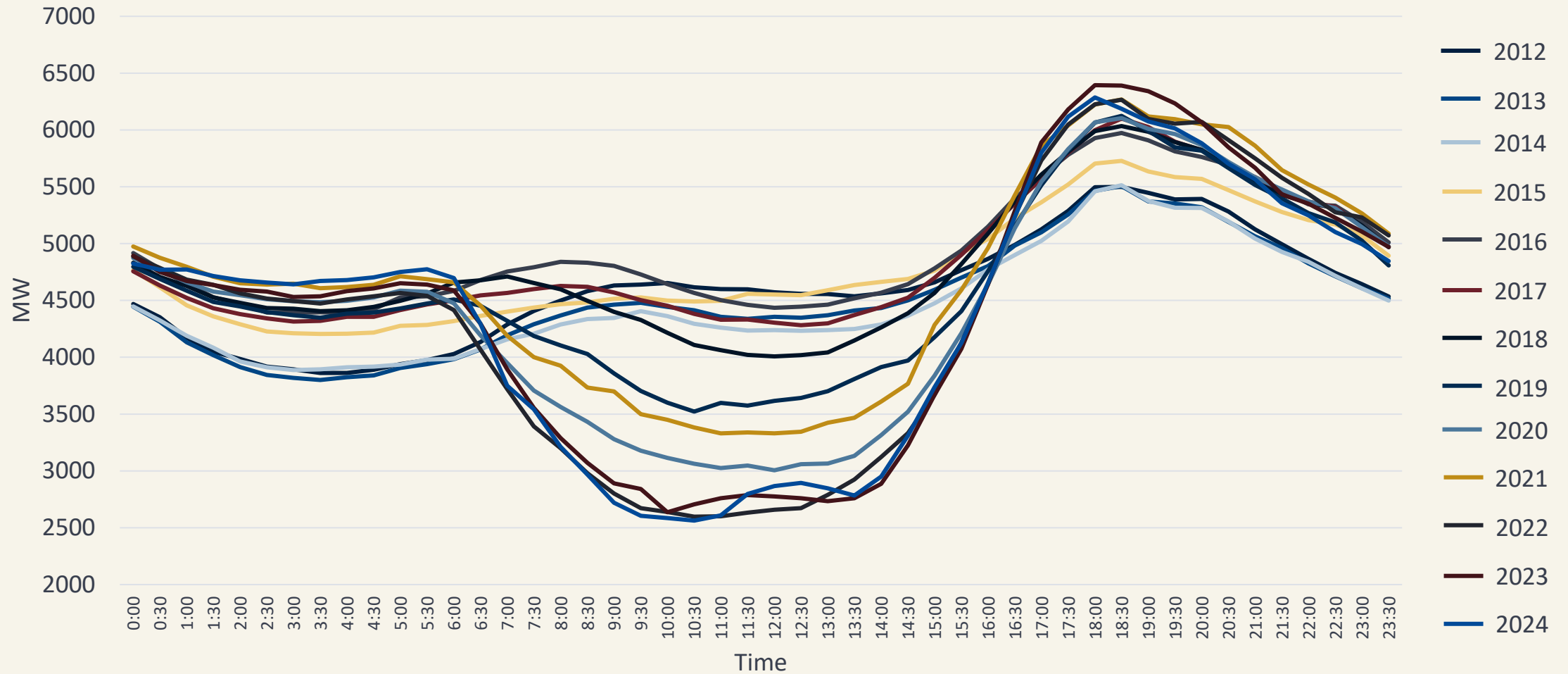
■ Households with 44c FiT

■ Households Market Rate

■ Small business



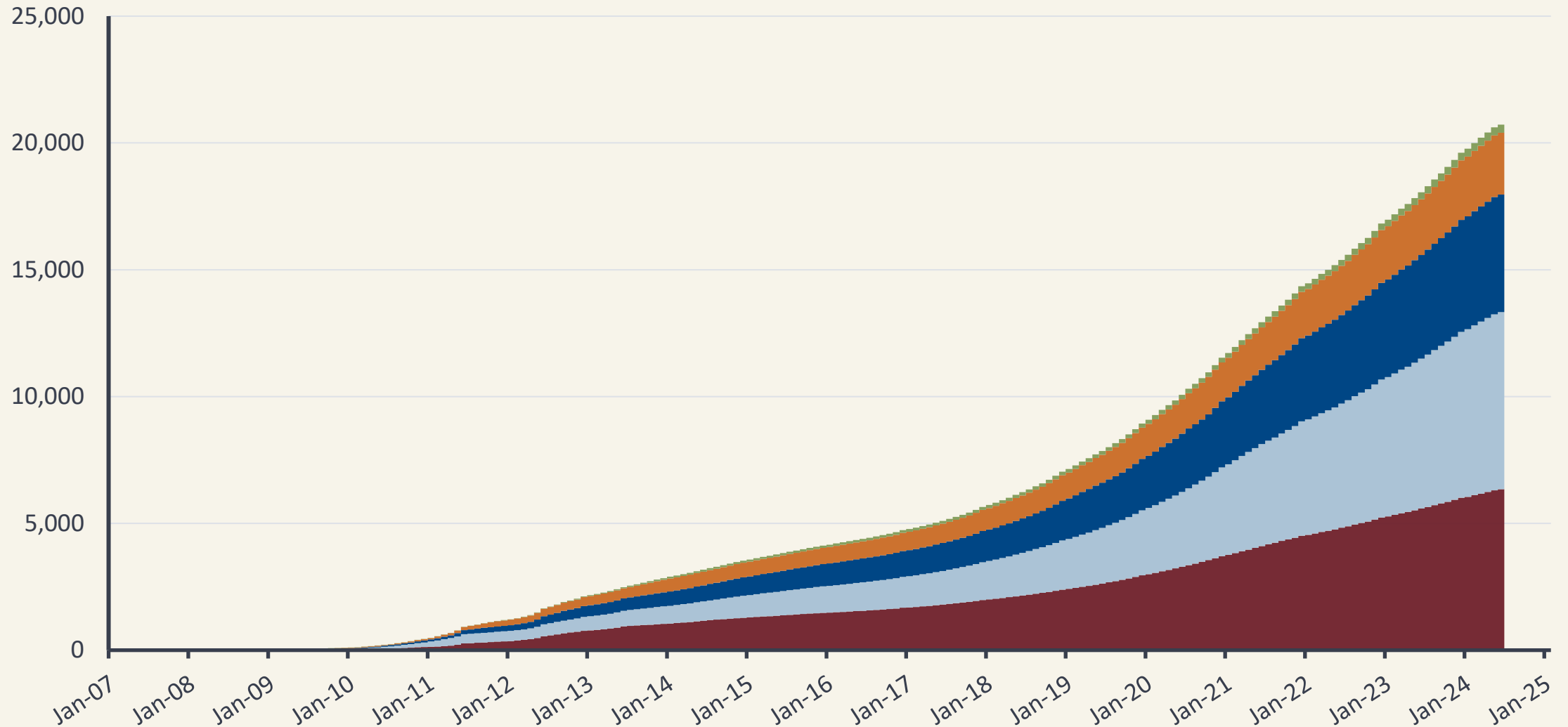
September minimum demand profile



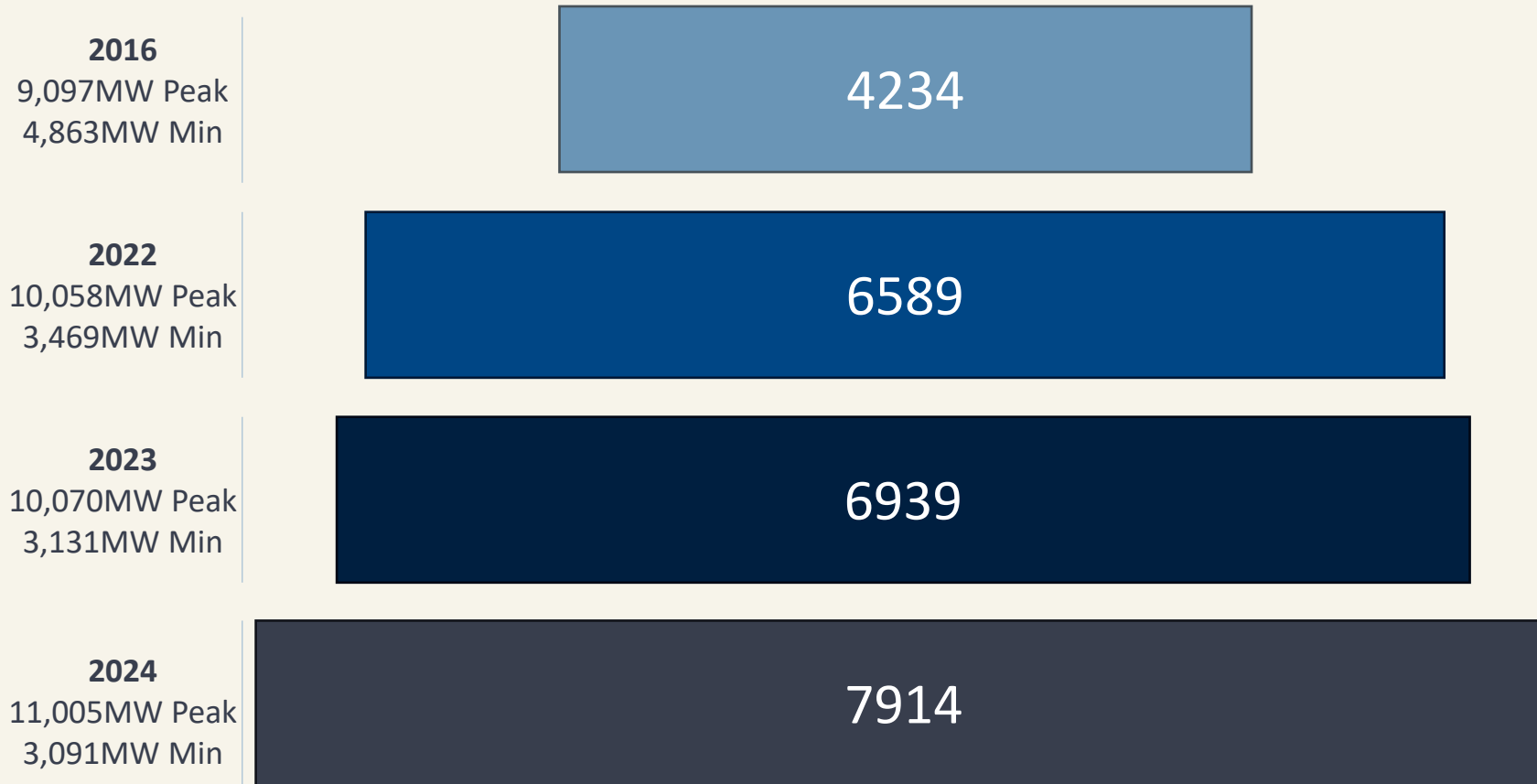
Qld can't export its way out of this... NEM Rooftop PV

Rooftop PV Capacity (MW)

■ QLD ■ NSW ■ VIC ■ SA ■ Tas



Increasing operational envelope of network



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Powerlink's innovation journey

Over the years there has been some extraordinary pieces of work that have now become business as usual for the benefit of our network, our connected customers and Queenslanders.

Innovation



Live lines and live substations



Wide Area Monitoring Protection and Control



Line phase lifter



Line stringing



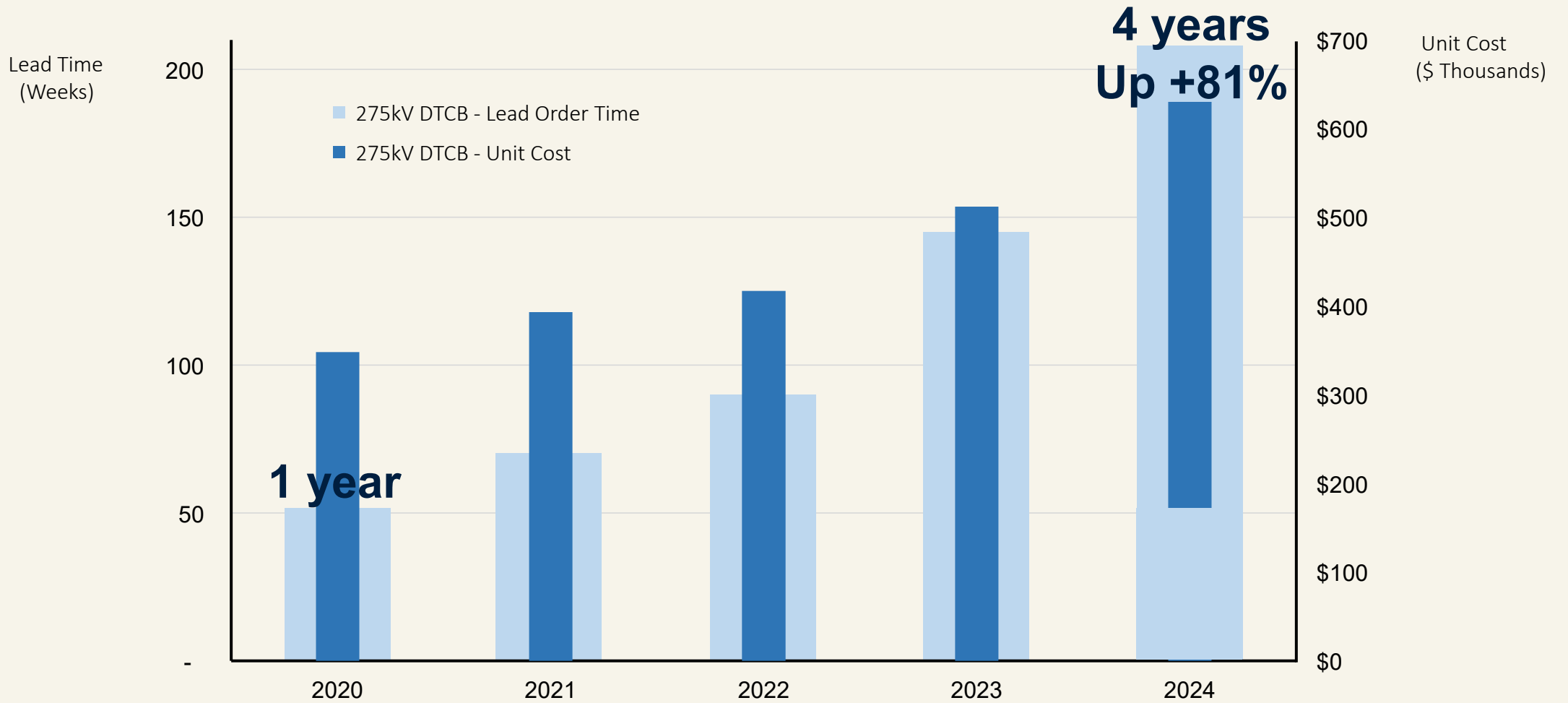
Robotic space installer



Concrete sensor strength maturity



275kV DT circuit breakers



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AEMO Update

Merryn York

Australian Energy Market Operator

November 2024






We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, seas and waters across Australia. We honour the wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past and present and embrace future generations.

We acknowledge that, wherever we work, we do so on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands. We pay respect to the world's oldest continuing culture and First Nations peoples' deep and continuing connection to Country; and hope that our work can benefit both people and Country.

'Journey of unity: AEMO's Reconciliation Path' by Lani Balzan

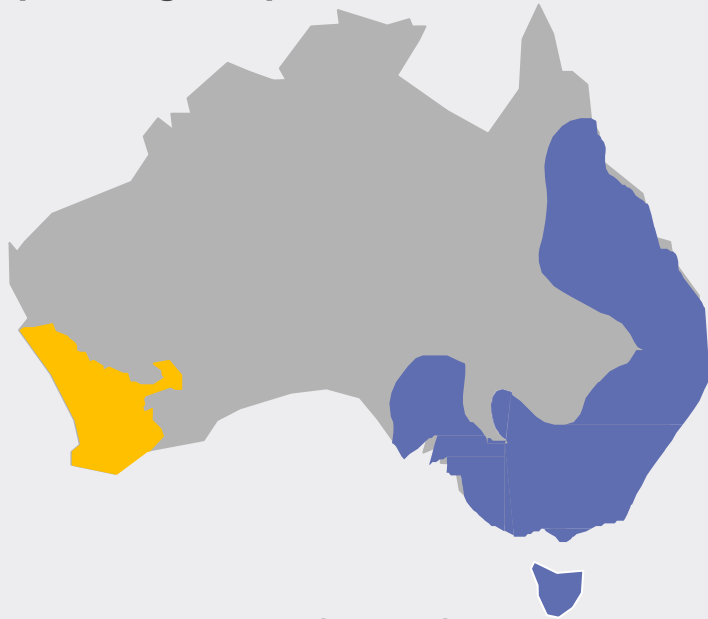
AEMO Group is proud to have delivered its first Reconciliation Action Plan in May 2024. '*Journey of unity: AEMO's Reconciliation Path*' was created by Wiradjuri artist Lani Balzan to visually narrate our ongoing journey towards reconciliation – a collaborative endeavour that honours First Nations cultures, fosters mutual understanding, and paves the way for a brighter, more inclusive future.

Read our
RAP 



AEMO at a glance

Our operating footprint



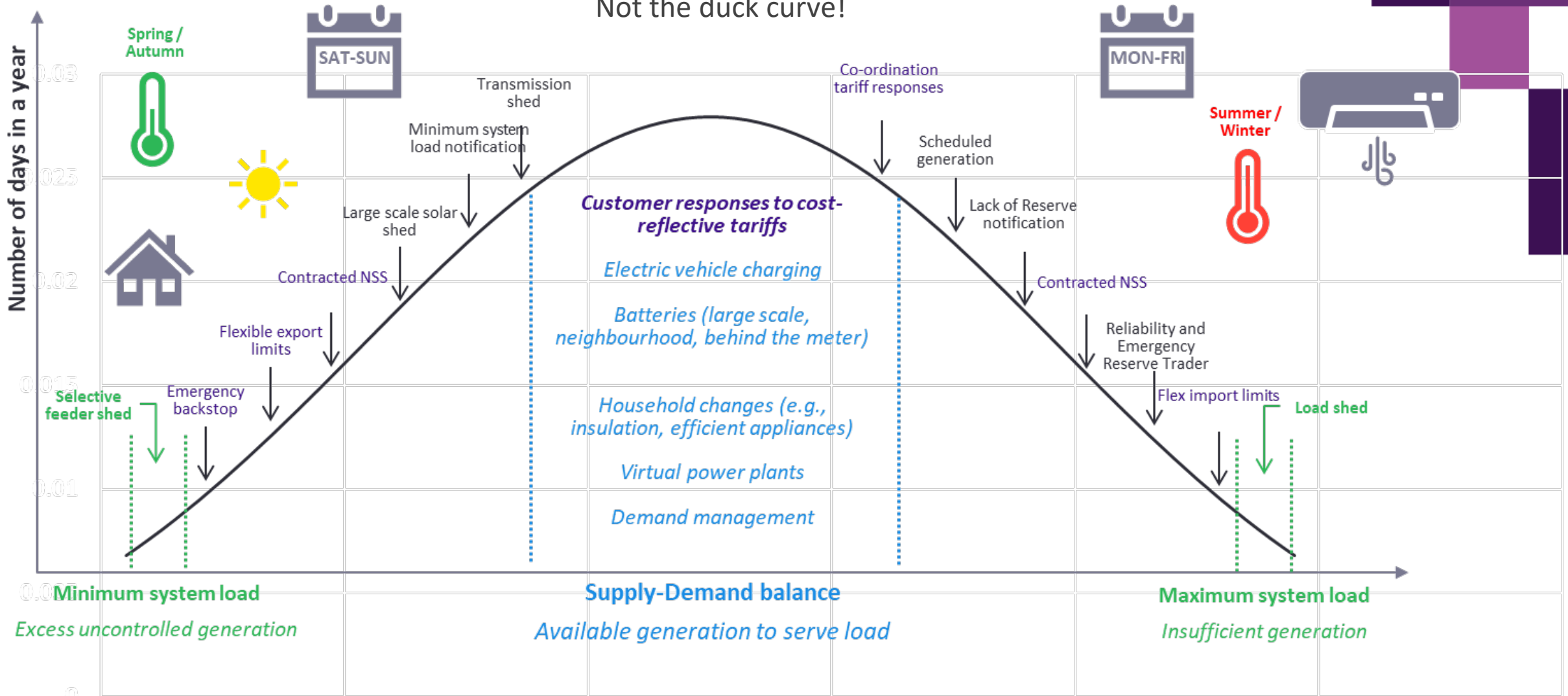
- Member-based, not-for-profit.
- 60% government, 40% industry members.
- Activities directed by National Electricity and Gas Law and Rules, jurisdictional laws and regulations.
- Funded primarily by participant fees, some funding from governments for specific activities.
- ~1500 people working around the country.



	WA	SA	VIC	NSW & ACT	QLD	TAS	NT
OPERATE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND MARKETS							
ELECTRICITY							
NATIONAL ELECTRICITY MARKET		●	●	●	●	●	
WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKET	●						
GAS							
DAY AHEAD AUCTION		●		●	●		
DECLARED WHOLESALE GAS MARKET				●			
GAS SUPPLY HUB		●			●		
GAS BULLETIN BOARDS	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
GAS RETAIL MARKETS	●	●	●	●	●		
SHORT-TERM TRADING MARKET		●		●	●		
PLAN AND ENABLE FUTURE ENERGY SYSTEMS	●	●	●	●	●	●	
SUPPORT NEW INVESTMENT	●	●	●	●	●	●	

Managing varying system load conditions

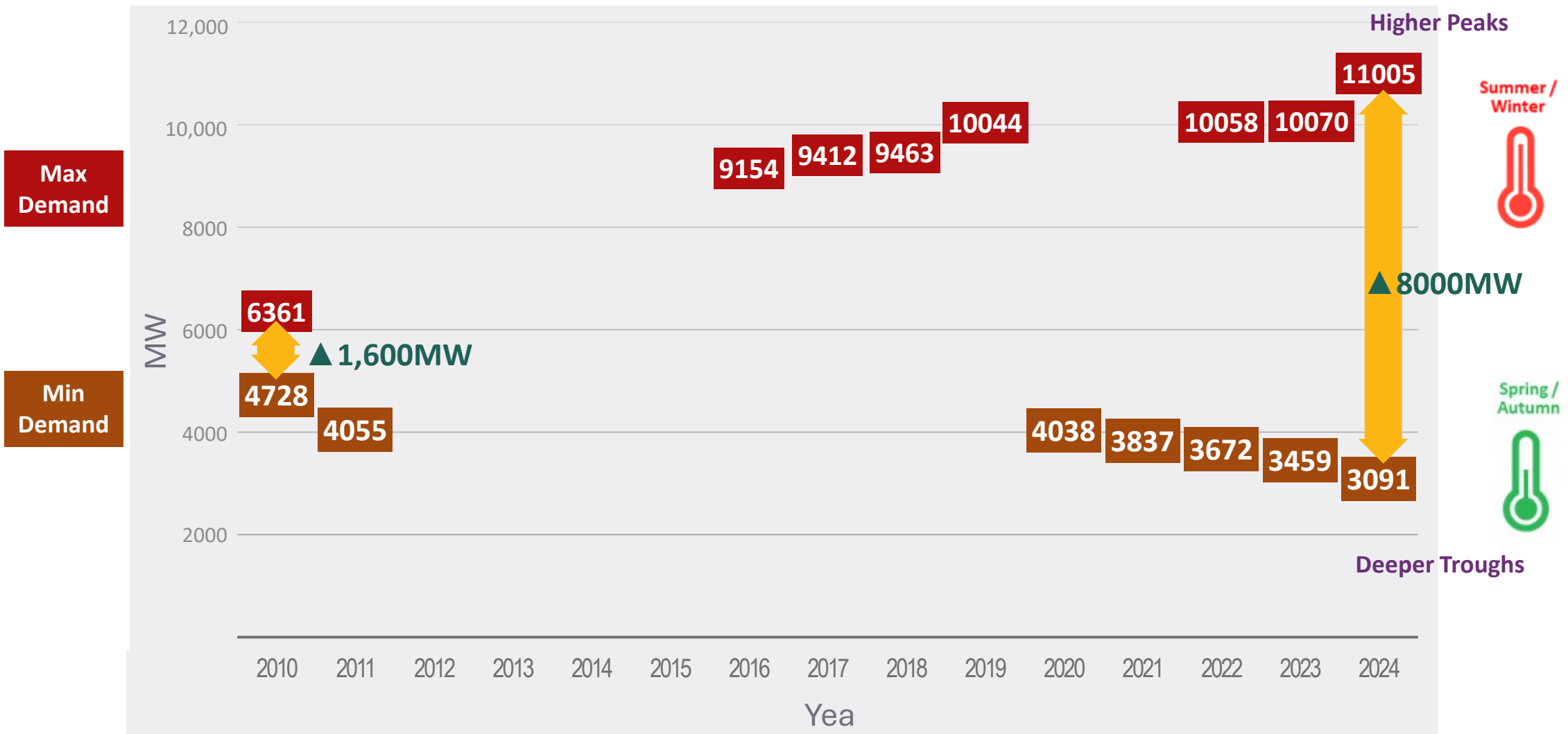
Not the duck curve!



Source: Adapted from a Victorian Government figure in the consultation paper for Victoria's emergency backstop mechanism for rooftop solar. Victorian Government. 2023, Victoria's Emergency Backstop Mechanism: Consultation paper, p 10. <https://engage.vic.gov.au/victorias-emergency-backstopmechanism-for-rooftop-solar>

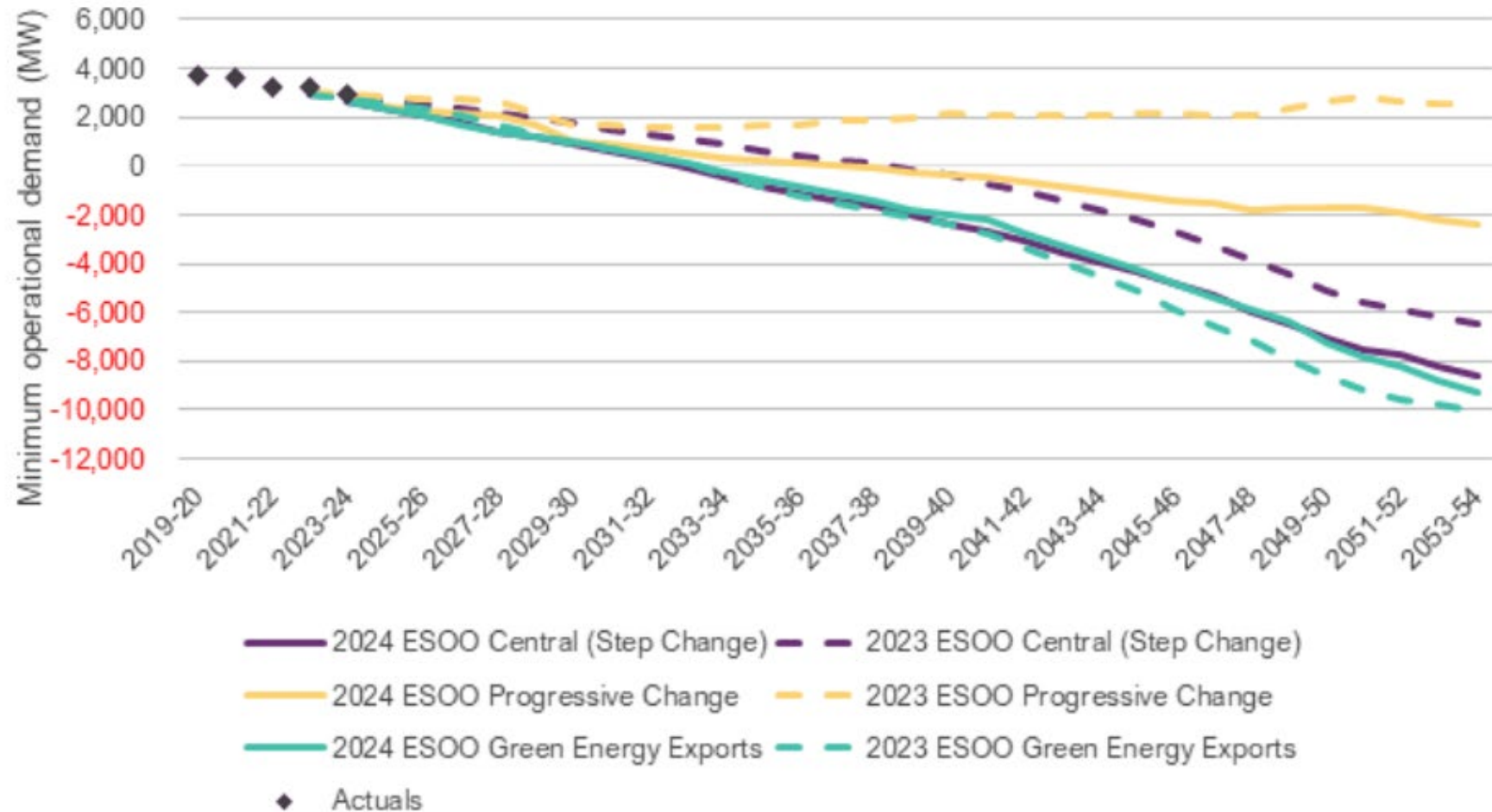
Consumer energy demands are changing

Queensland's Maximum and Minimum Electricity Operational Demand Records

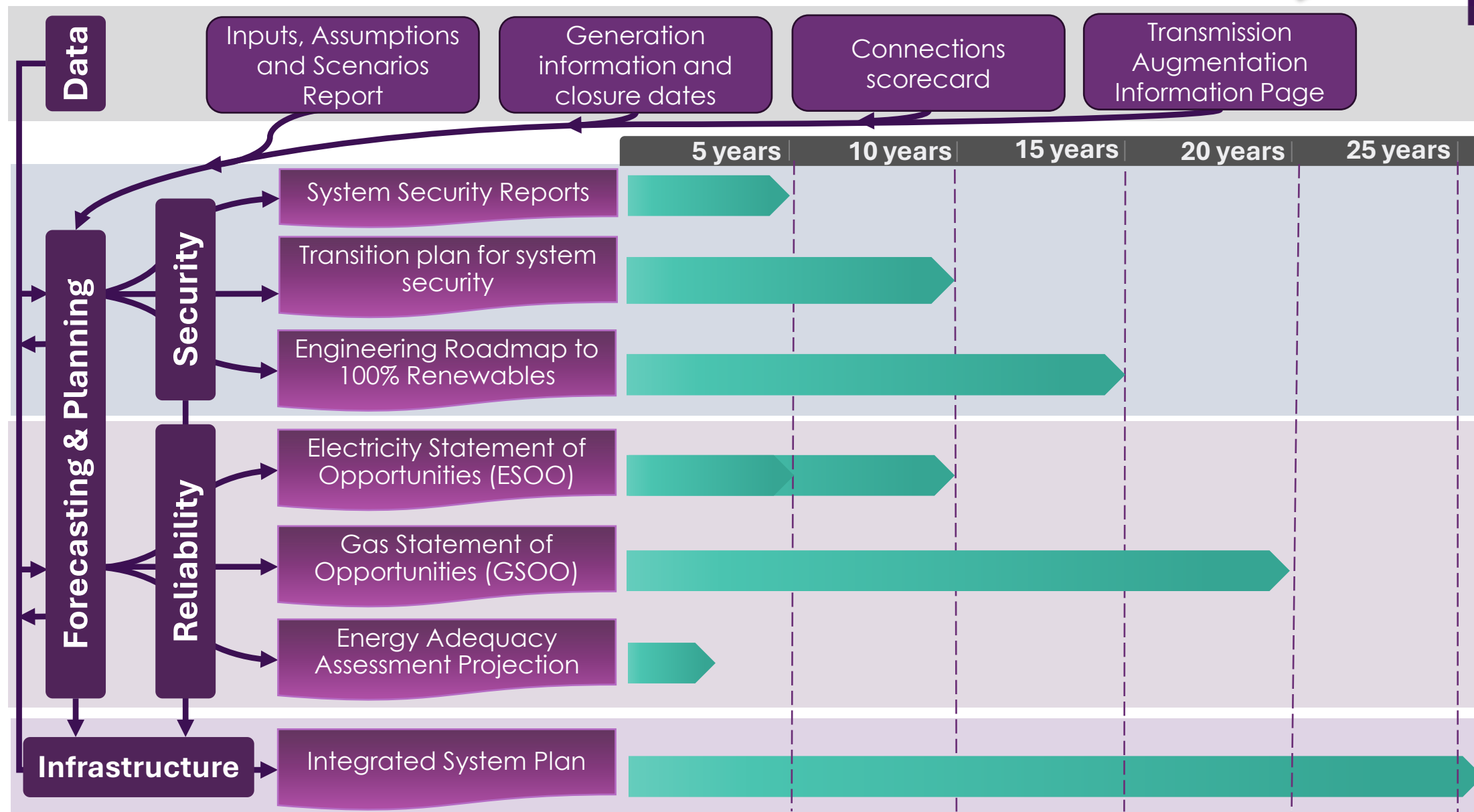


Qld minimum demand forecast

Actual and forecast Queensland 50% POE minimum operational (sent-out) demand, 2024 ESOO all scenarios and 2023 ESOO all scenarios, 2019-20 to 2053-54 (MW)

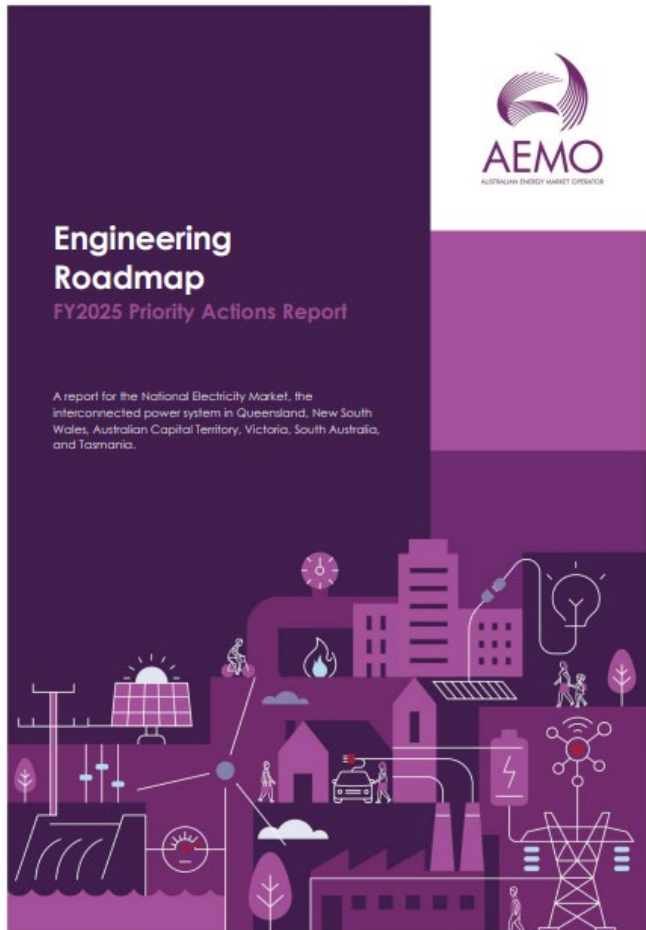


AEMO is planning on many fronts across varying time horizons.



Engineering Roadmap – FY25 priorities

FY25 Priority Actions fall broadly in three focus areas and build on previous actions from FY2024

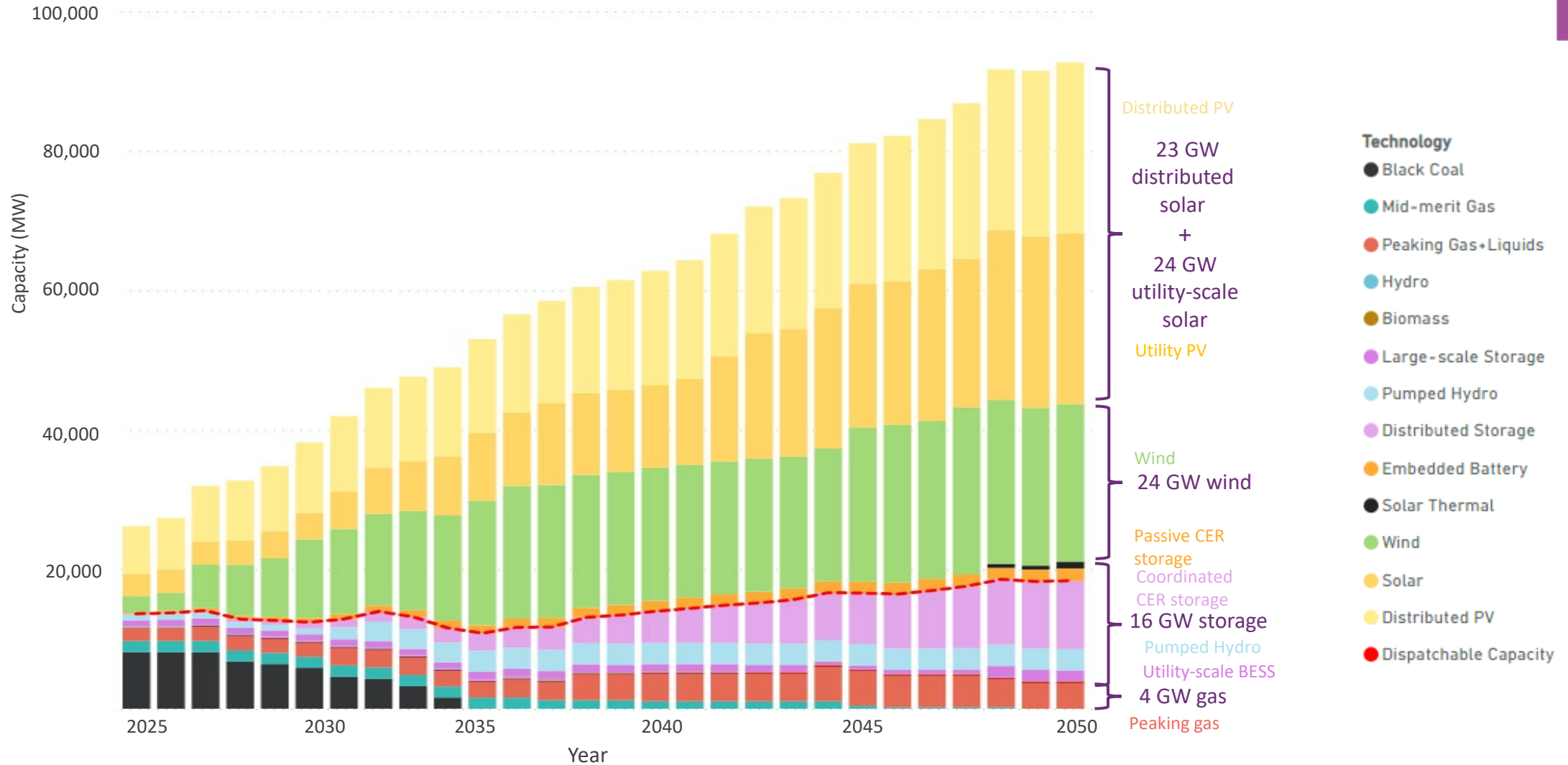


Priority focus area	Workstreams
<p>Delivering foundational transition enablers</p> <p><i>Collaborating closely with stakeholders to establish critical foundations for the future power system, defining roles and responsibilities for new technical matters, and establishing effective systems and processes for future system operation.</i></p>	<p>DER governance </p> <p><i>Ensuring appropriate enduring accountability across industry to meet ongoing technical requirements as DER capacity growth continues rapidly with increasing penetration of DPV, small-scale batteries, and EVs.</i></p> <p>Operational DER integration </p> <p><i>Actively managing and monitoring issues emerging in operational timeframes (now – 2 years ahead) as the NEM experiences world leading levels of DER.</i></p>
<p>Providing long-range investment visibility</p> <p><i>Identifying future power system needs that may require investment from one or more parties and providing clarity on the capability of different technologies to meet these needs.</i></p>	<p>Future power system phenomena </p> <p><i>Exploring new behaviours and system phenomena as the configuration of the power system changes, with inverter-based resources as an increasingly prevalent portion of the generation mix.</i></p> <p>New technology capabilities </p> <p><i>Enabling new technologies to be integrated into the power system, by completing required desktop investigations and real-world demonstrations.</i></p>
<p>Progressing operational readiness</p> <p><i>Maintaining power system security in real-time operation under unprecedented penetration of variable, inverter-based, and distributed resources.</i></p>	<p>Real Time Operations (RTO) and operations support </p> <p><i>Uplifting the capability of AEMO's real-time operations (RTO) and supporting functions to adapt to the needs of a high renewables power system.</i></p> <p>Operational transition planning </p> <p><i>Delivering proactive study, sequencing, and governance to critical system configurations known as 'operational transition points' to ensure secure system operation can be maintained in the long-term interest of consumers.</i></p>

Changing supply mix – QLD capacity

2024 ISP - Step Change

Eight times today's utility-scale wind and solar, and five times today's consumer energy resources, by 2050



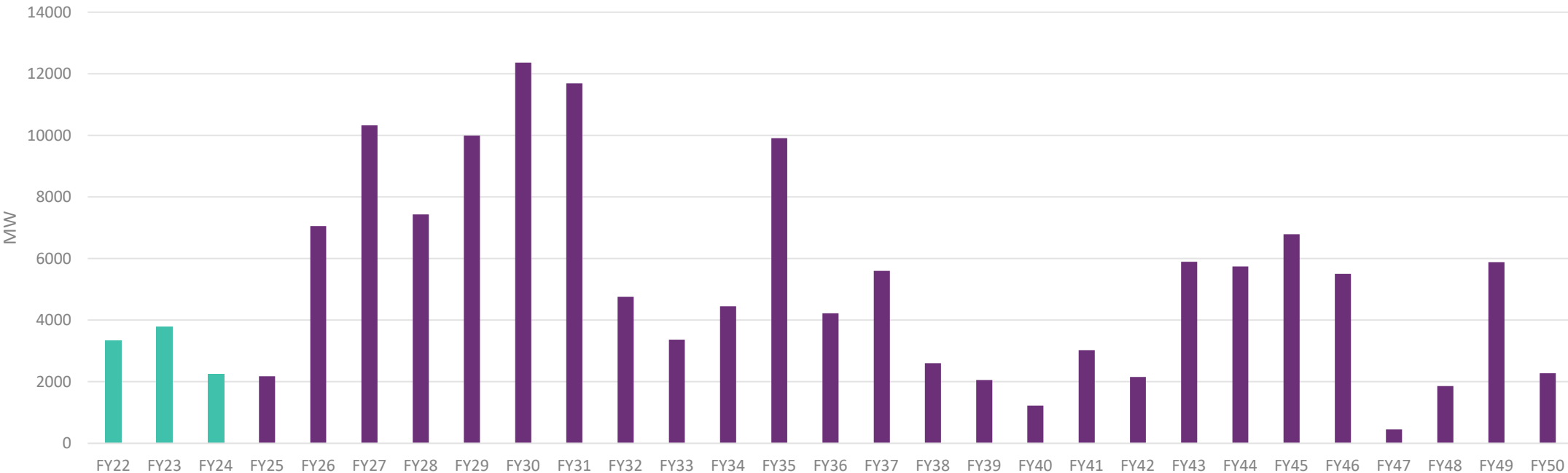
Focus on large scale connections



New Connections Applications for Generator Performance Standards Approval	FY22	FY23	FY24	△ FY22-FY24
National Energy Market	11.7 GW	14.1 GW	19.0 GW	62%
Queensland	1.3 GW	3.5 GW	6.2 GW	377%

- Significant levels of connection required across the NEM: 6-7 GW p.a. for next 15 years c.f. 3-4 GW per annum currently

New Grid Connections - Step Change Scenario (2024 ISP)



Small scale - Operating with high-CER

Draft functional requirements

AEMO's responsibilities as the bulk power system operator

- Maintaining power system security
 - Managing technical envelope
 - Frequency management
 - Voltage management
 - System strength
 - System restart
- Centralised dispatch process
 - Operational forecasting
 - Scheduling and dispatch

Assess current and emerging challenges with increasing CER

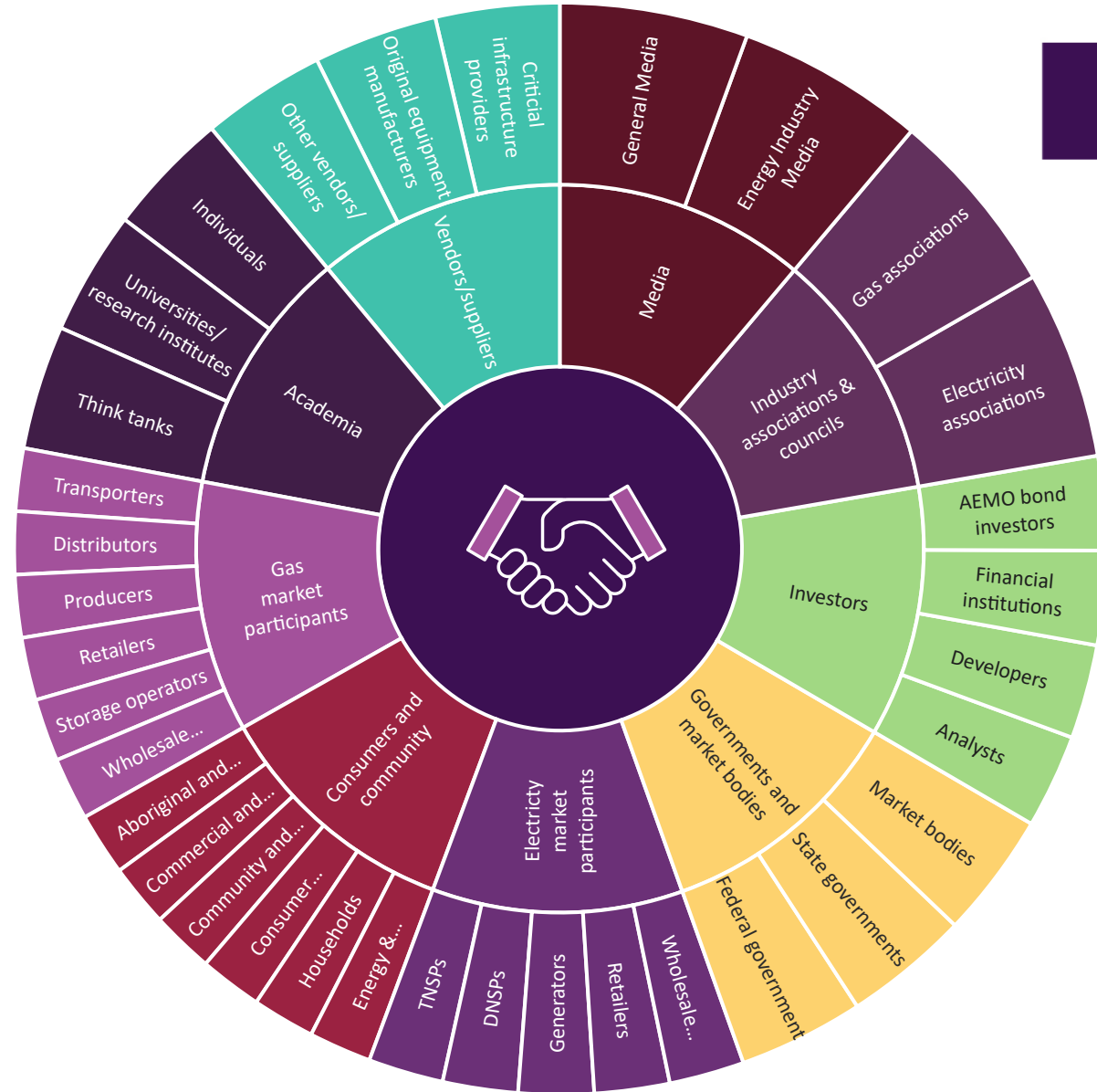
- How CER uptake impacts AEMO's operational responsibilities:
- Device-level
 - Visibility & predictability
 - Controllability
 - Performance
 - System management
 - Activity within Dx network operating zone
 - AEMO-T-D coordination

Use Cases & Requirements that need to be reviewed due to these impacts

1. CER visibility and predictability
2. CER performance during disturbances
3. Emergency DPV curtailment
4. Voltage Management
5. CER scheduling and operational coordination
6. Manage CER cyber security compromise
7. System restart with increasing DER
8. Underfrequency management with increasing DER

The challenge that lies ahead is too big for any one organisation to tackle alone.

It requires robust collaboration encompassing the diverse organisations across the energy sector, our broader community, industry and governments.



Thank you

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Importance of Gladstone





Gladstone region load

20-25%
state electricity
supply

1.1GW
Largest load
outside SEQ

3-8GW
Electrification
impact



Gladstone region generation

1680MW

Gladstone
Power Station

Scheduled close in 2035

700MW

Callide B
Power Station

Scheduled close in 2028

1MW COAL FIRED
POWER RETIRING
=

3-4 x RENEWABLE
RESOURCES

+
STORAGE/FIRMING
REQUIRED

At least 3.5 years' notice of expected closure required



Gladstone region generation

1680MW

Gladstone
Power Station

Scheduled close in 2035

700MW

Callide B
Power Station

Scheduled close in 2028

30,000MW

Battery/solar/wind
already in
development

At least 3.5 years' notice of expected closure required

Central Queensland Coordinating generation



- Existing network
- Existing coal generator
- Potential REZ
- SQ-CQ connection

Calliope REZ

Callide REZ

*Indicative geographical representation only

Central Queensland Network reinforcement



Gladstone

Calliope REZ

Callide REZ

10GW
WIND DEVELOPER
INTEREST

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Enablers



Priority
Transmission
Investment



Renewable
Energy Zone (REZ)
Delivery Body



Social
licence



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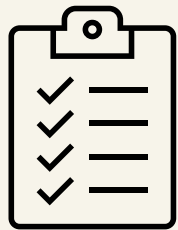
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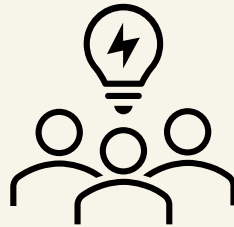
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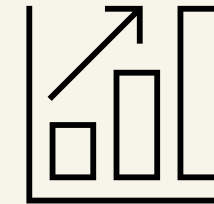
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What can Powerlink do to provide **more investment certainty** in the Central Queensland region?



What else does Powerlink **need to consider** from a social licence and community perspective?



How does Powerlink **best time network investment** in Central Queensland to **meet future load growth**?

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TAPR

Demand forecasts

Connection pipeline

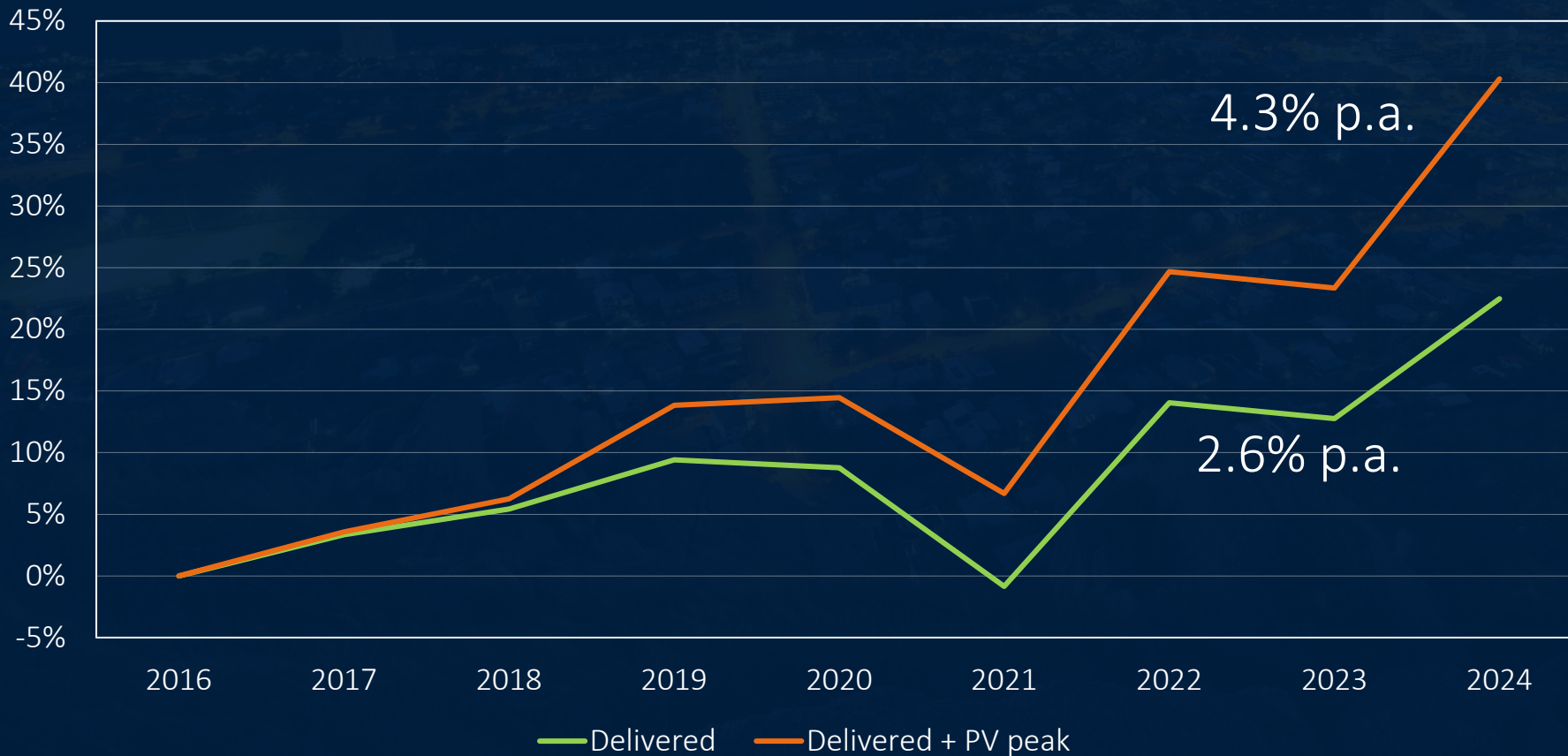
Network development

Ancillary services

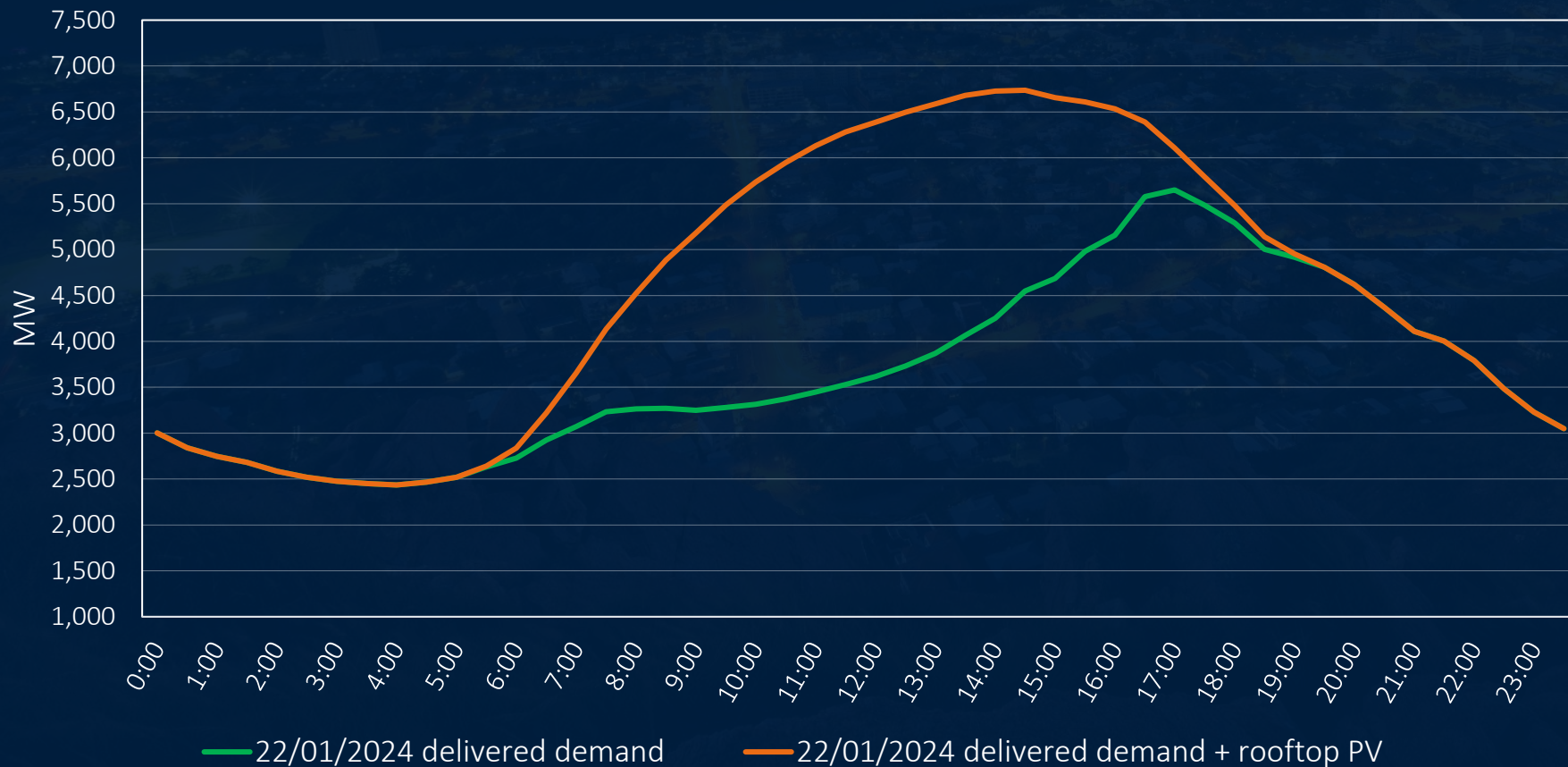
Leverage shared network capacity

Guide the market

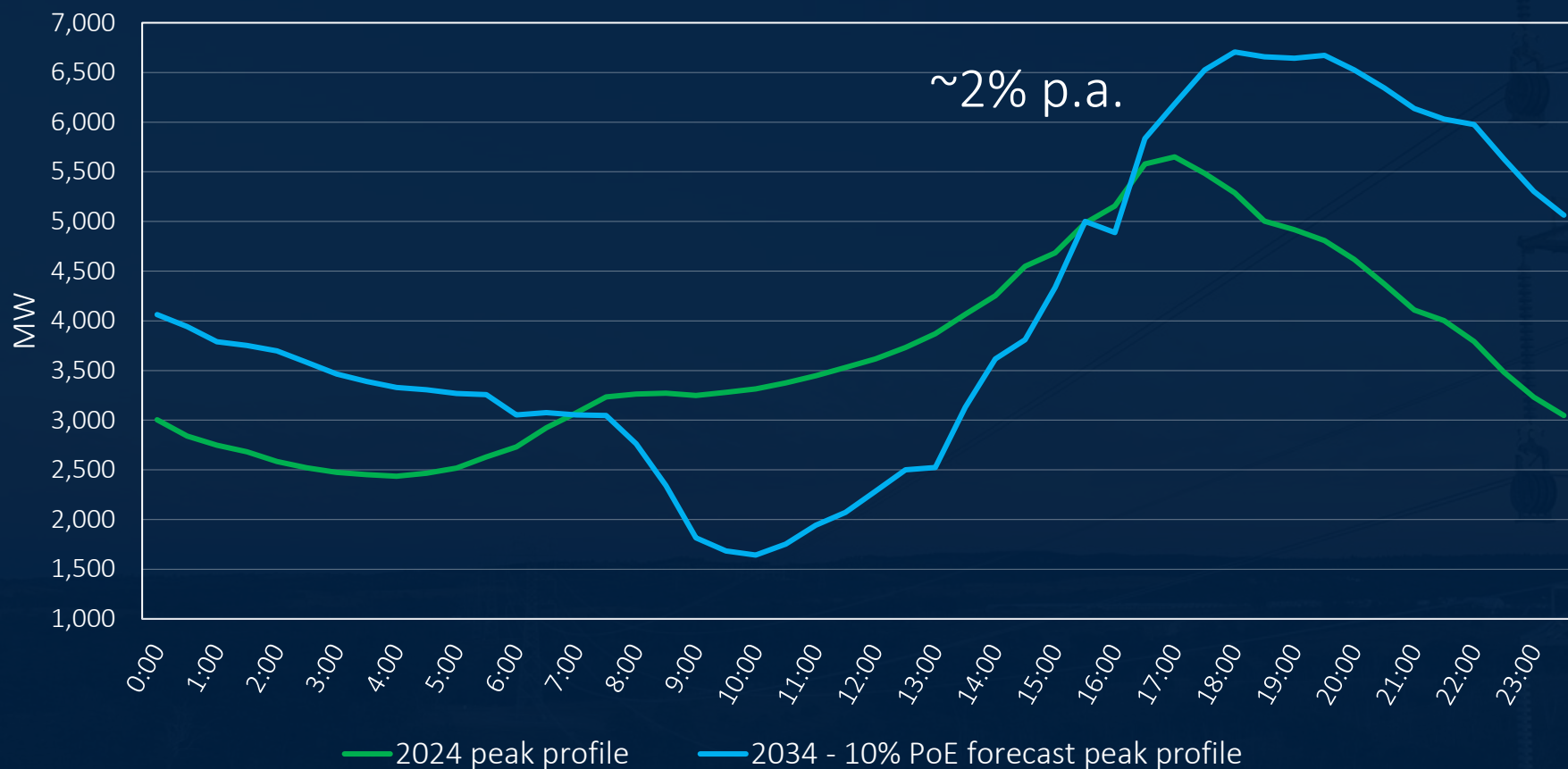
Historical SEQ maximum demand



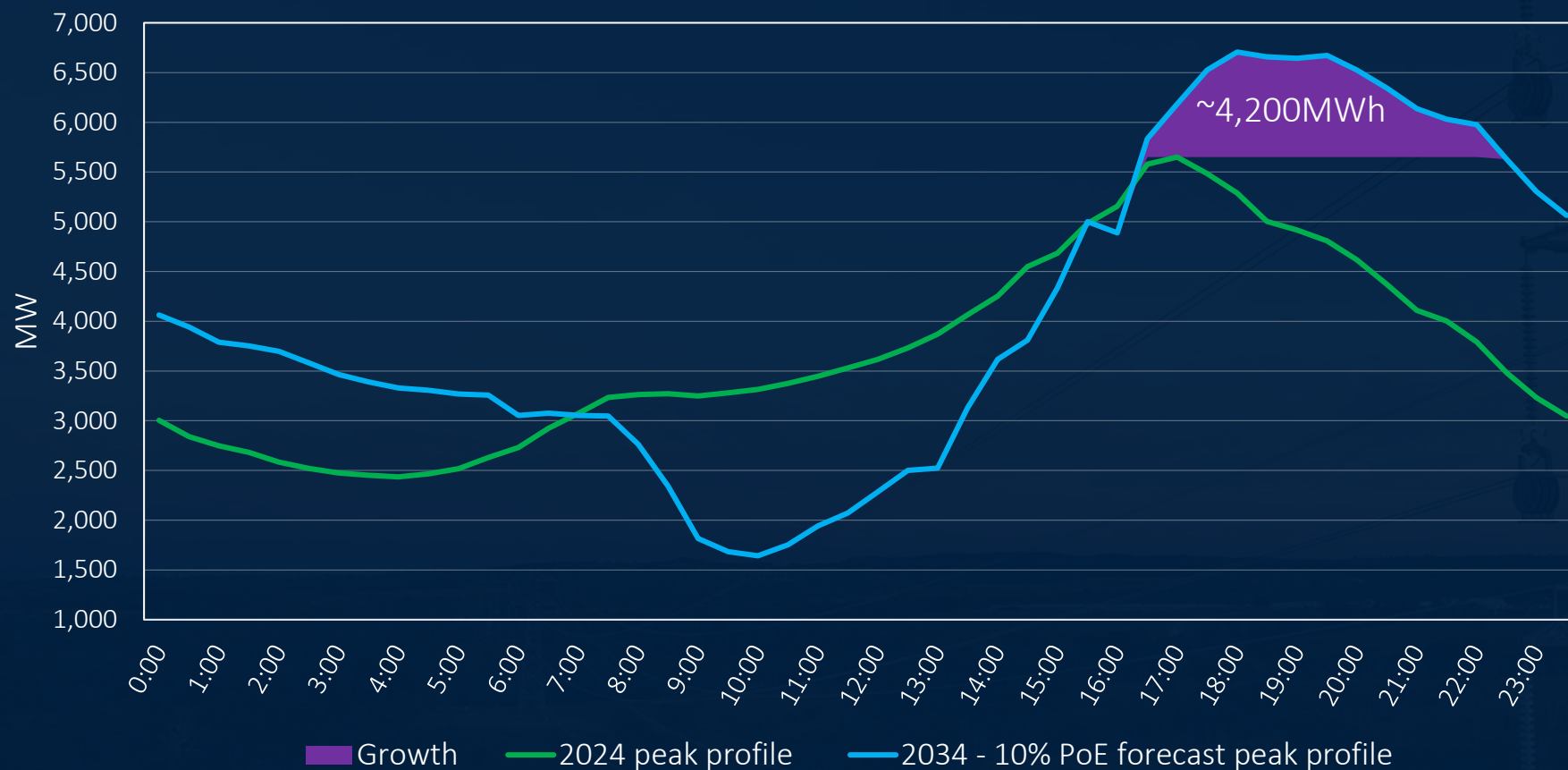
SEQ maximum demand day



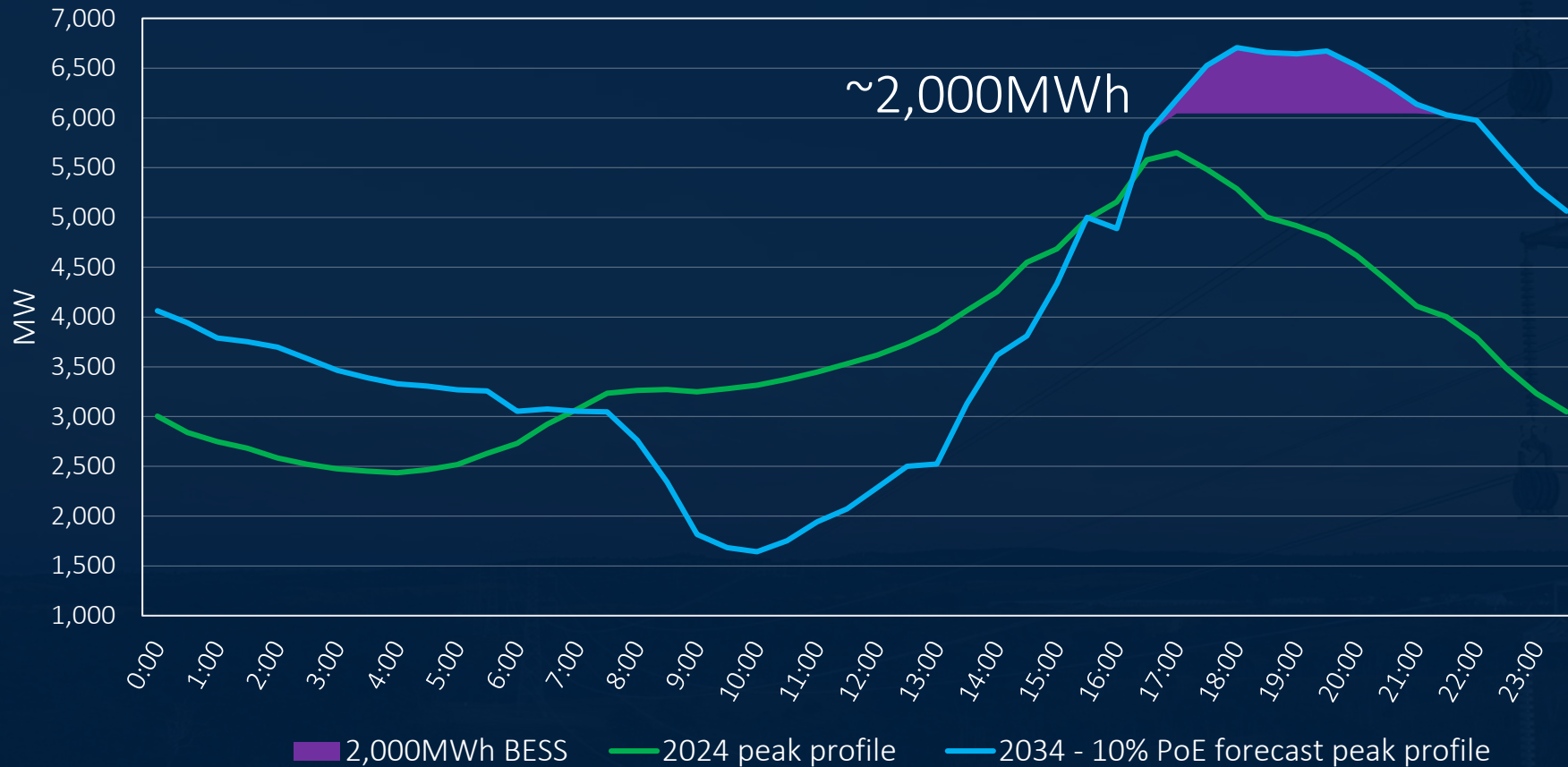
Forecast SEQ maximum demand



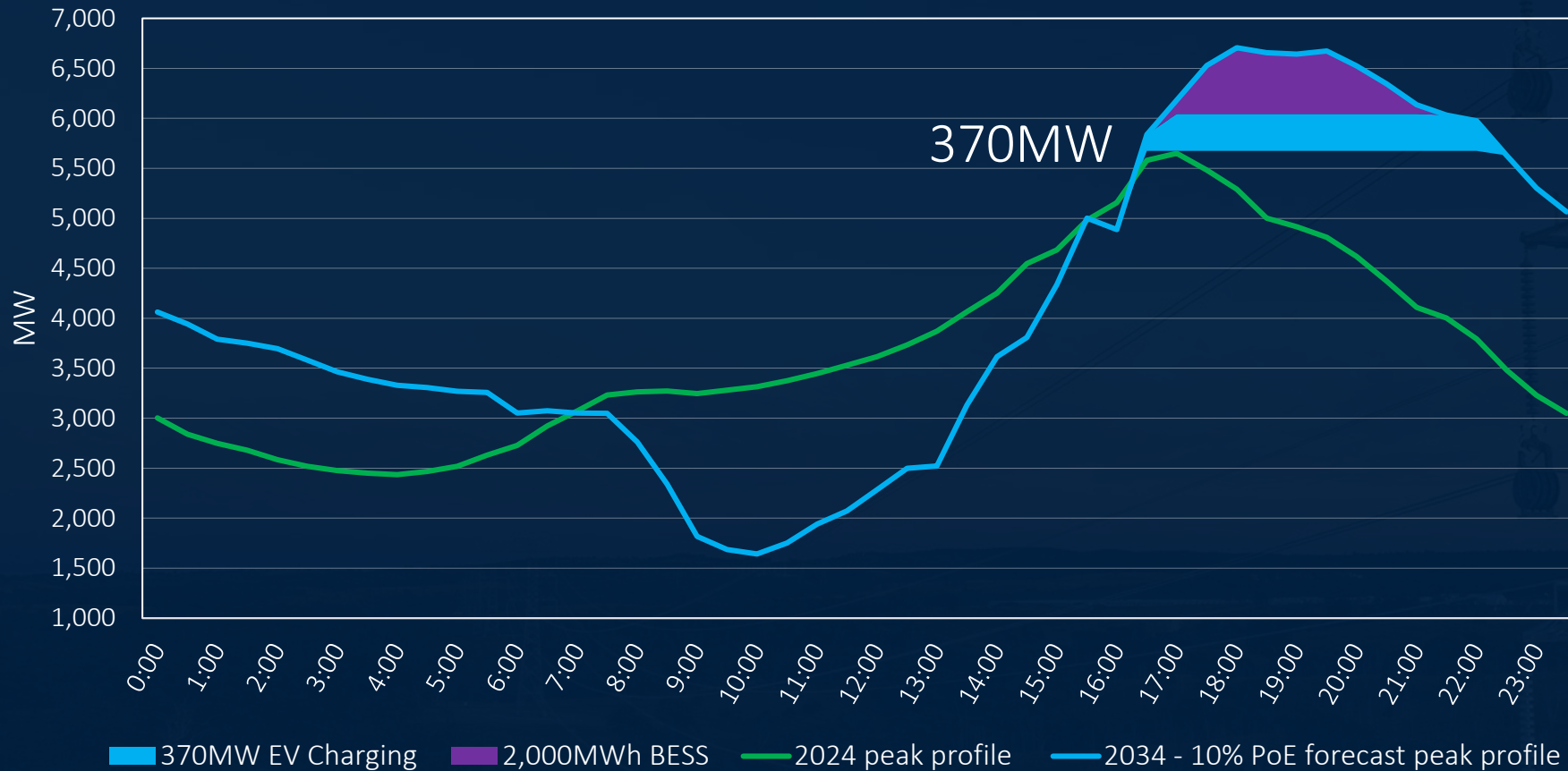
Moderating SEQ maximum demand

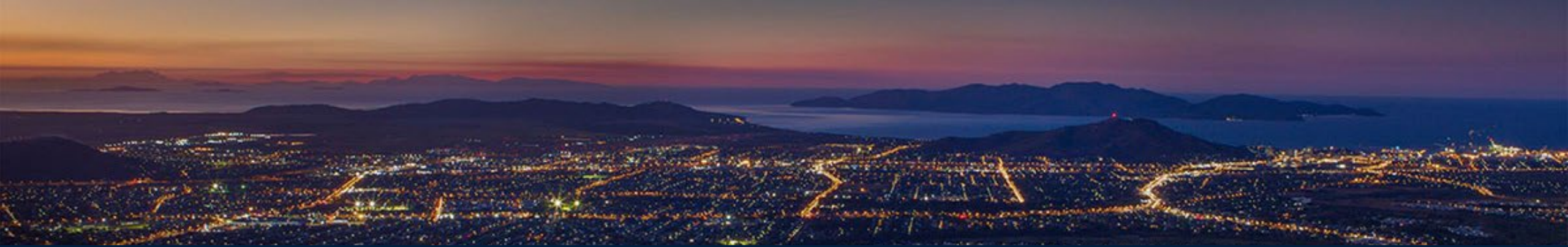


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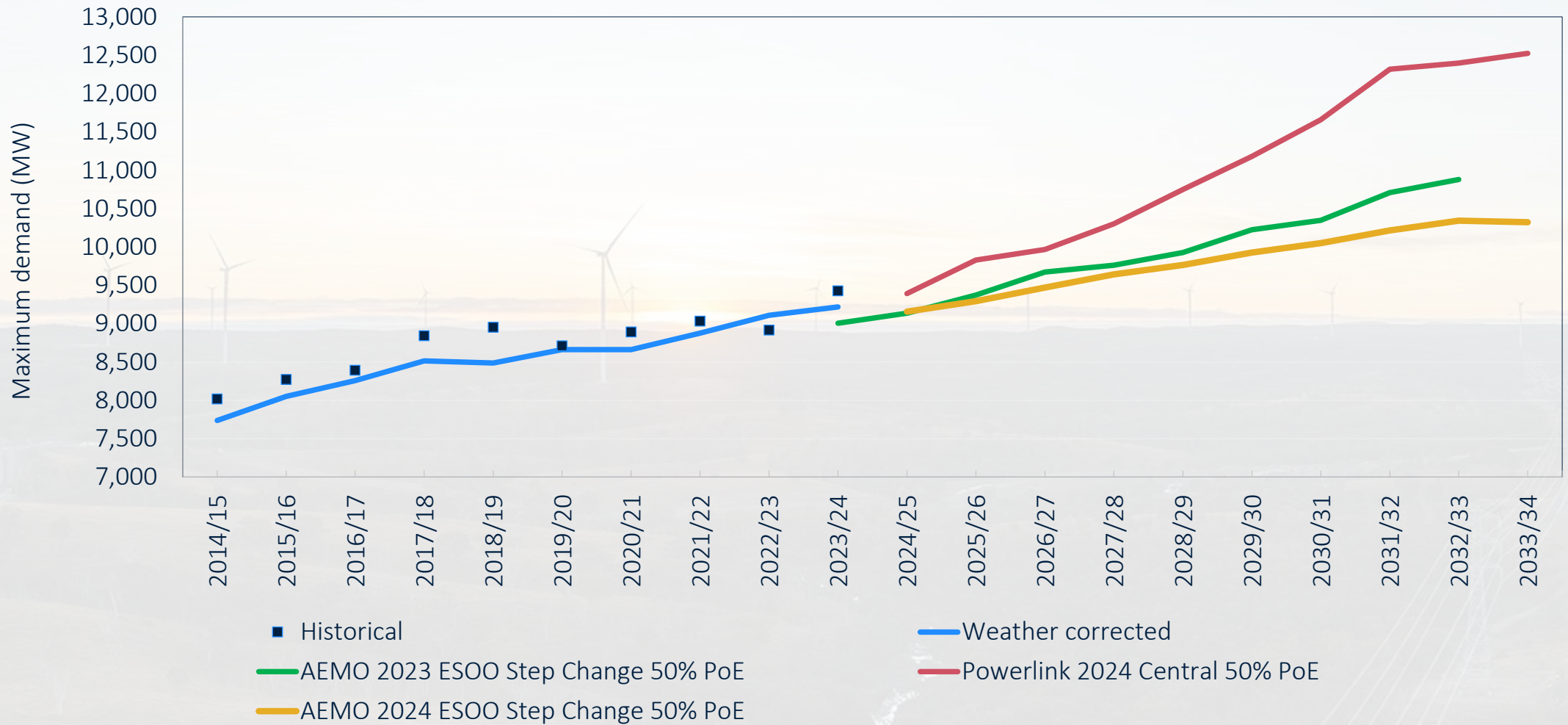




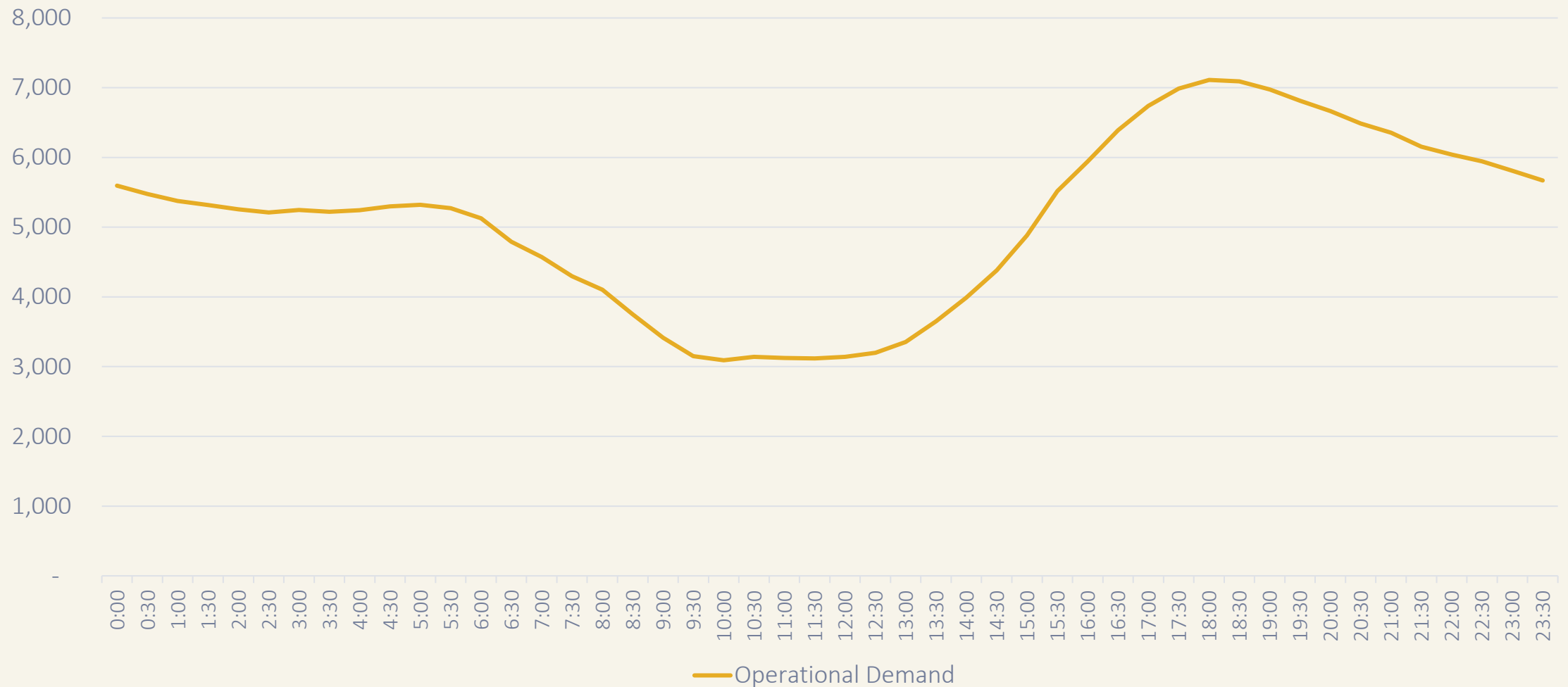
New large industrial loads

Zone	Description	Load in forecast	Possible load
North Queensland	Electrification	~1,500MW	1,600MW
	Manufacturing		
Gladstone	Hydrogen production and liquefaction		
	Electrification		3,300 – 7,750MW
Southern Queensland	Data Centre and industrial	275MW	

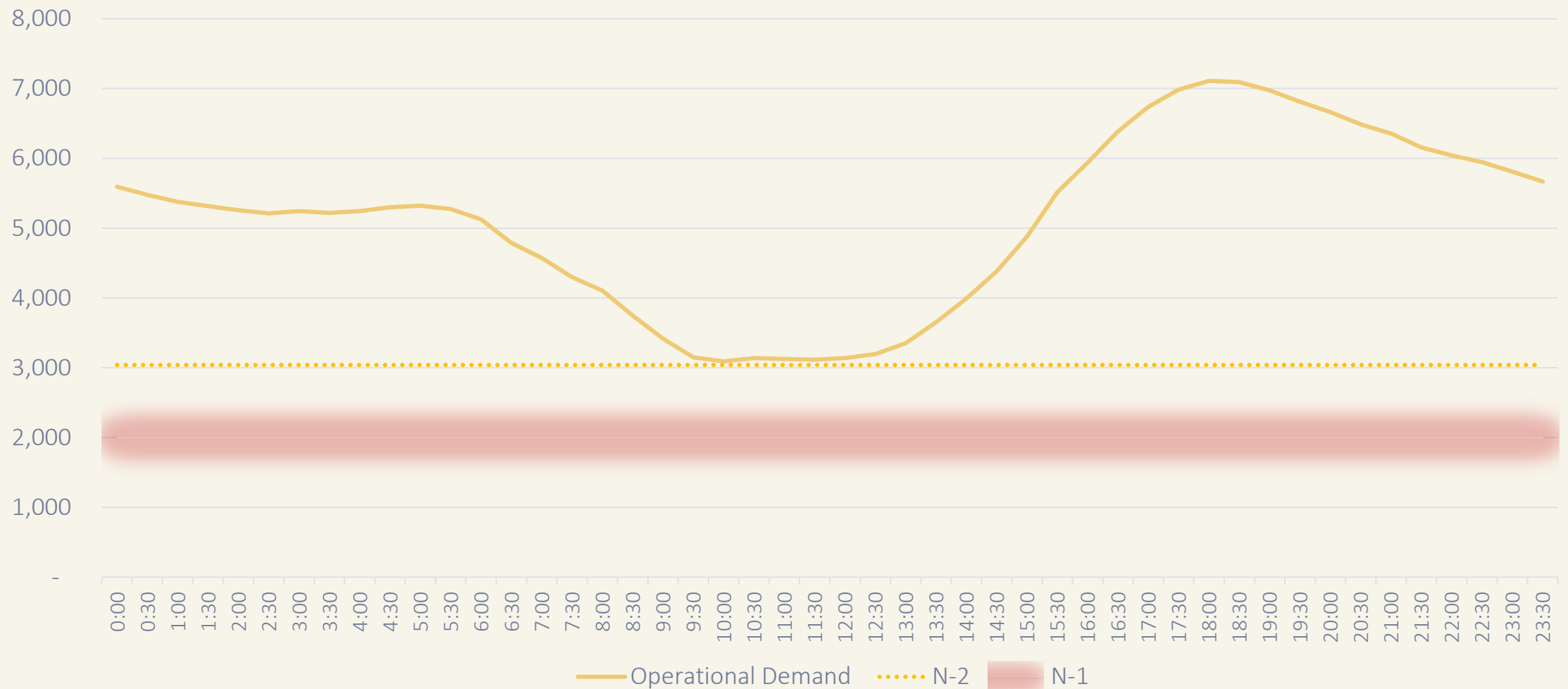
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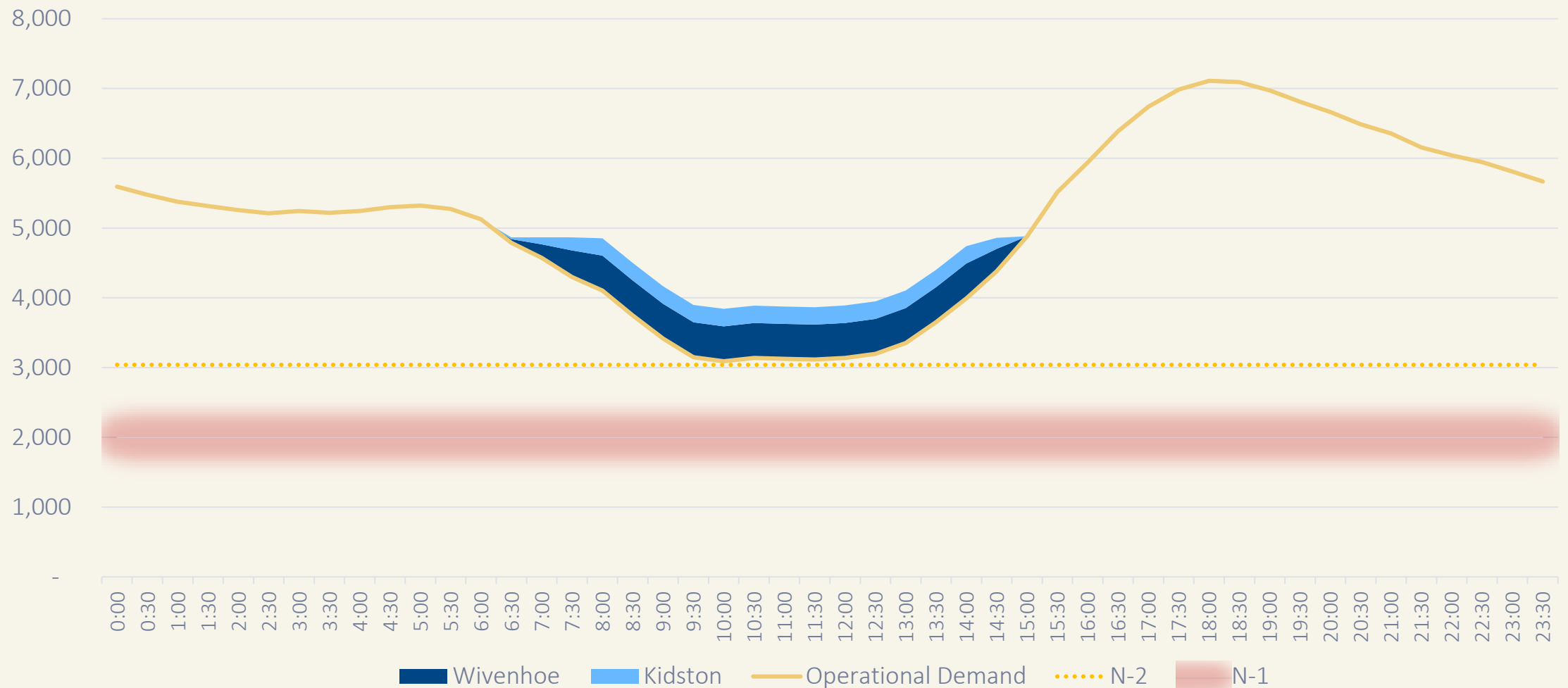
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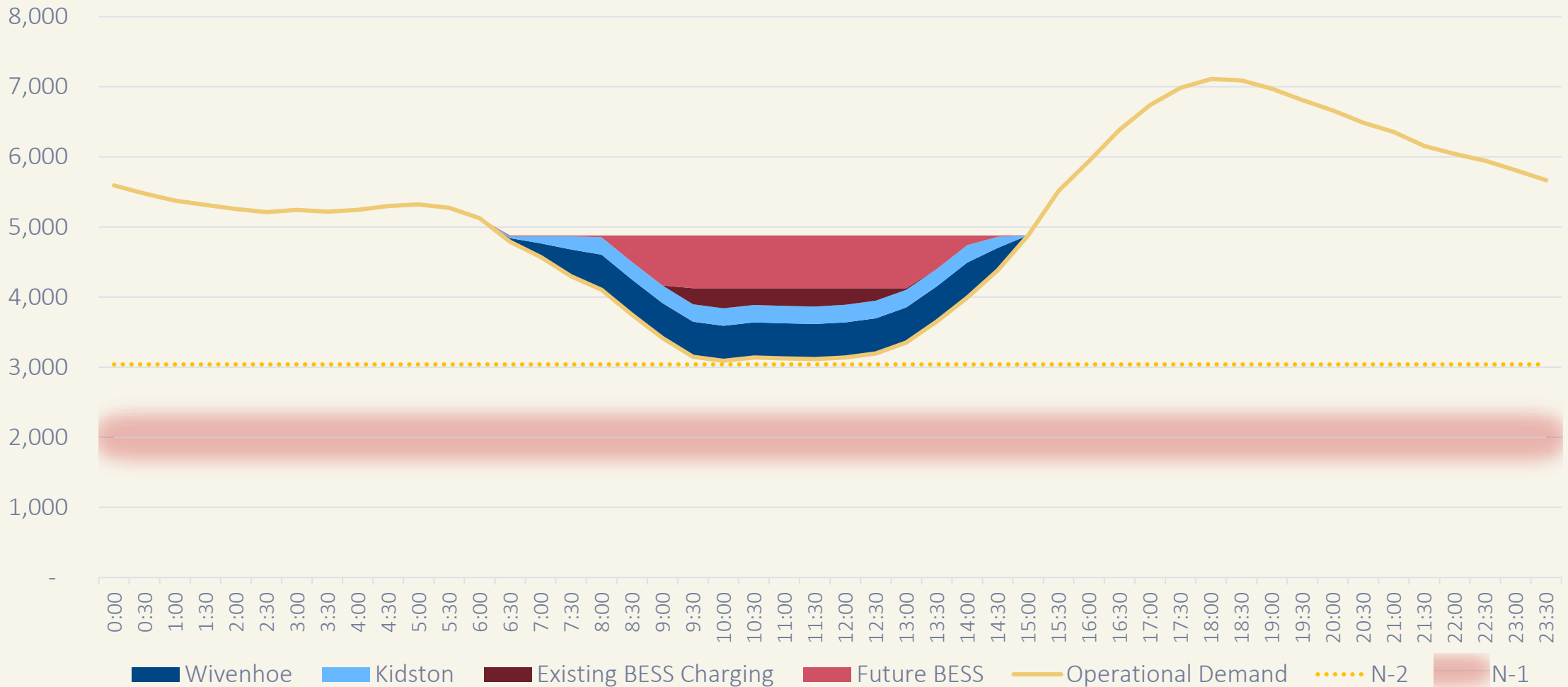
Minimum demand – stability limits



Minimum demand – pumped hydro



Minimum demand – batteries



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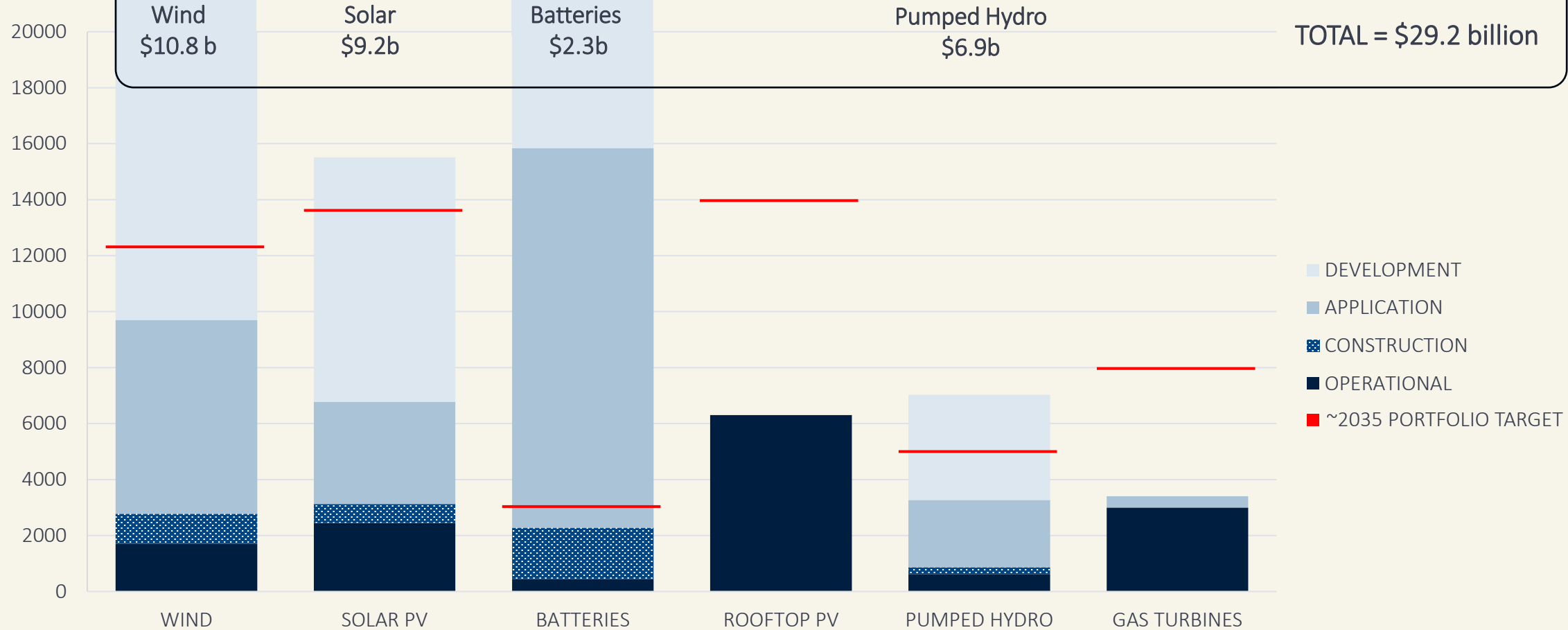
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Queensland forward pipeline

Sum of Capacity (MW)



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Renewable Energy Zones

	FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND	SOUTHERN DOWNS	WESTERN DOWNS
Network capacity	~500MW	~ 2,000MW	~1,800MW
Contracted capacity	152MW	890MW	500MW
Application date	September 2019	December 2020	January 2021
Energisation date	October 2022	December 2023	November 2024
Cycle time	3.2 years	3.0 years	3.7 years

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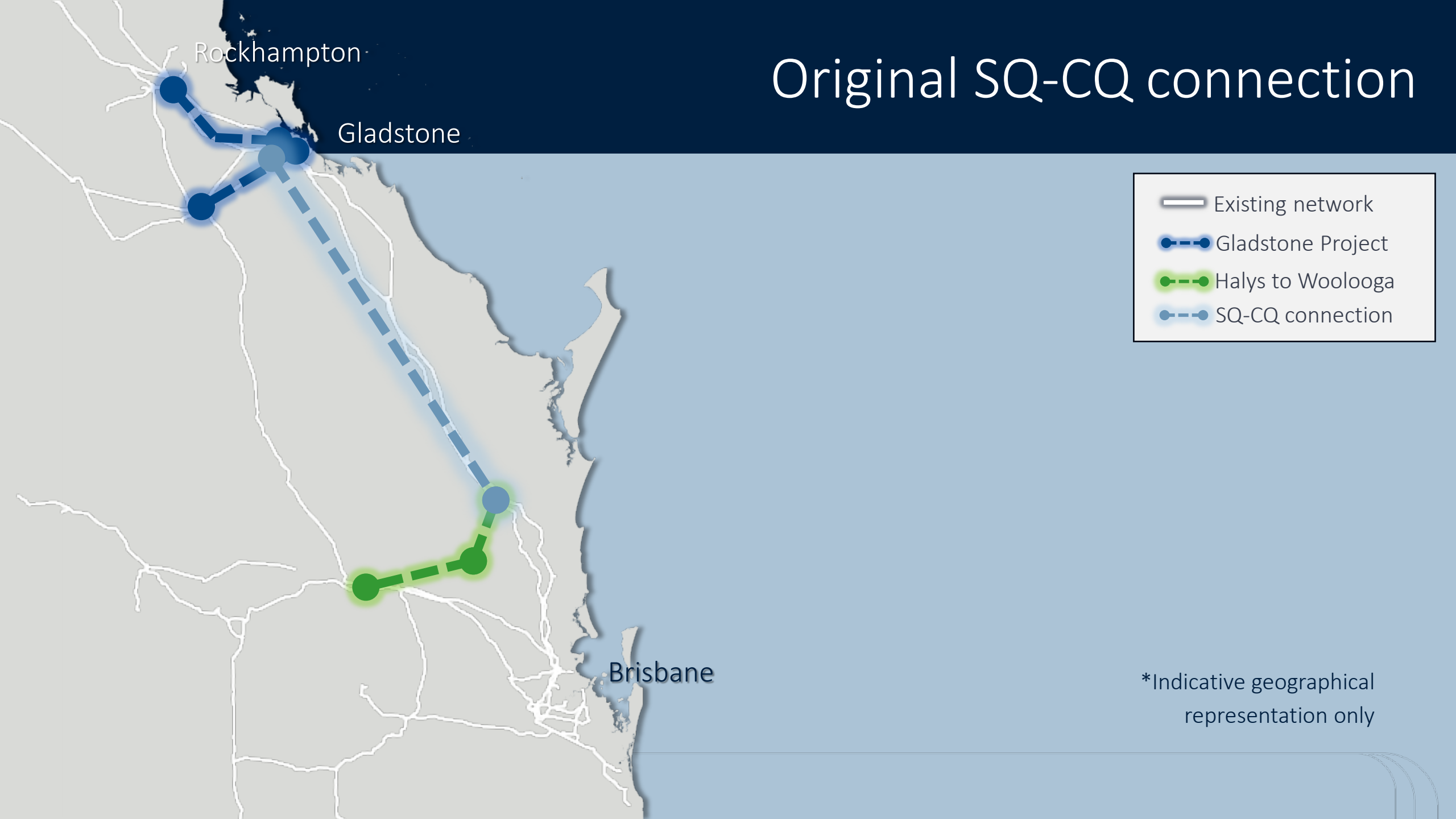
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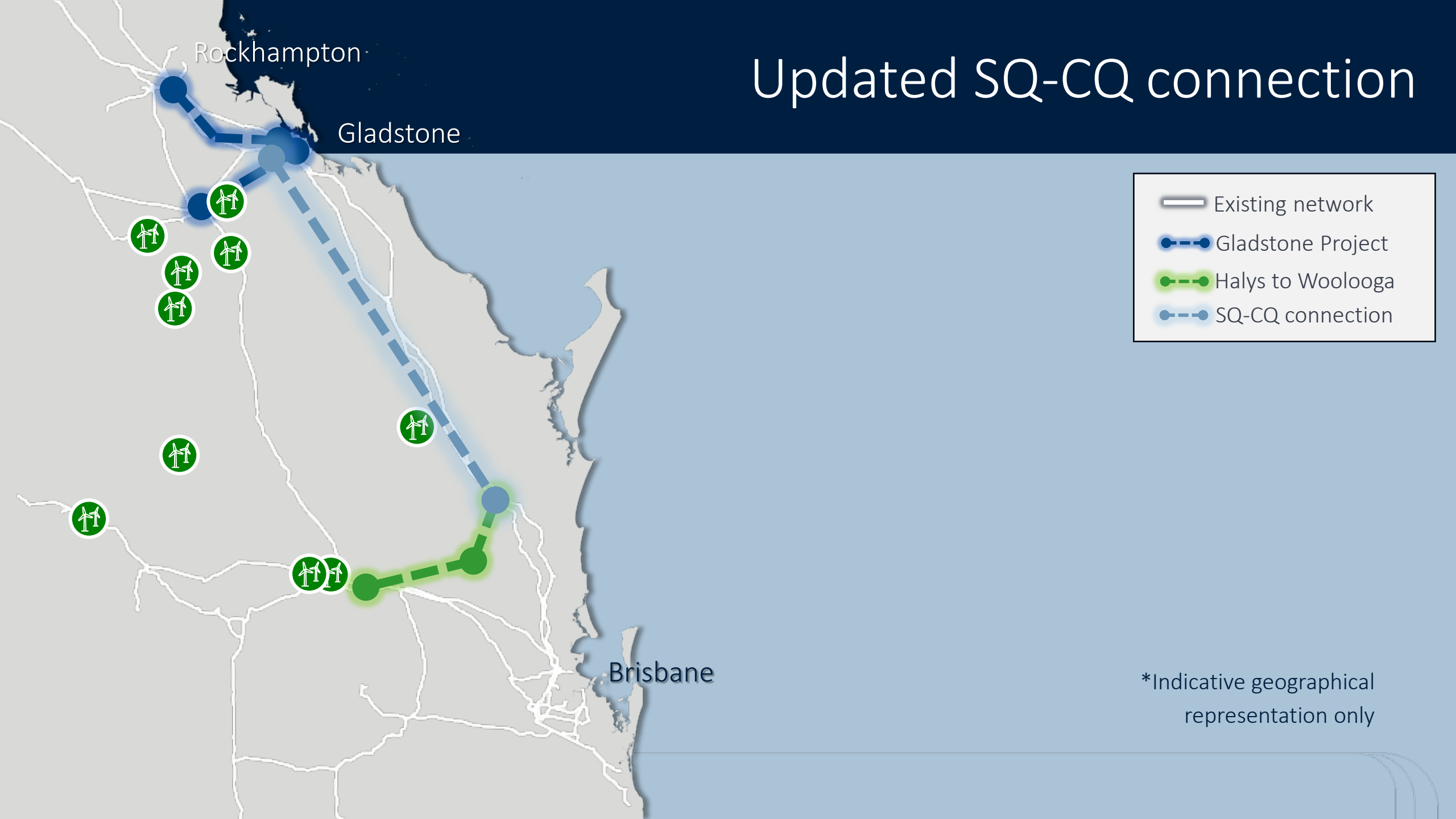
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- Existing network
- Gladstone Project
- Halys to Woolooga
- SQ-CQ connection

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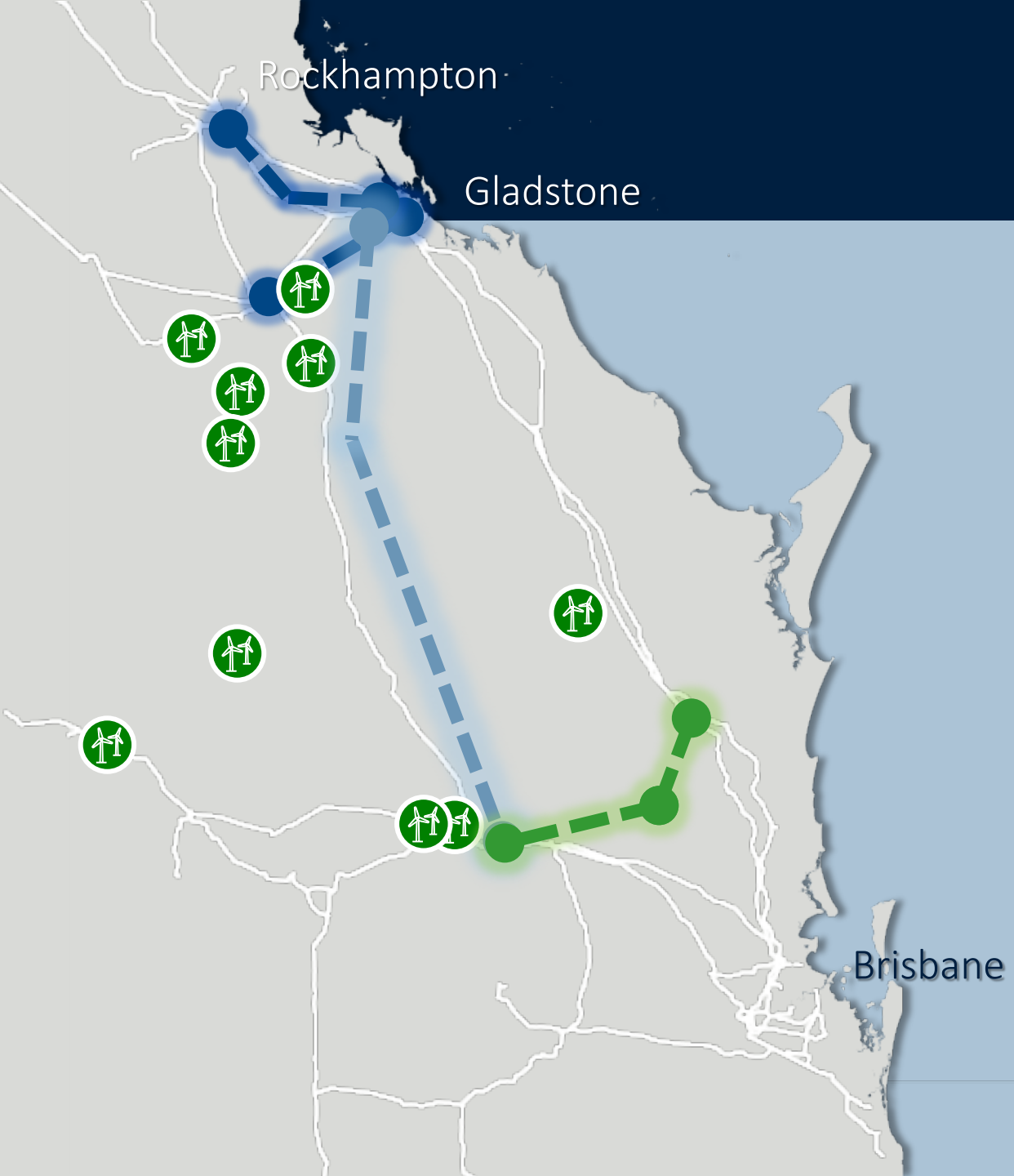
Updated SQ-CQ connection



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Technology type	System Strength - protection quality fault level	System Strength - stable voltage waveform	Inertia	Voltage control
Synchronous machines (gas, coal, PHES, syncon)	Yes – High	Yes	Yes – synchronous inertia <i>(note 2)</i>	Yes – slow voltage control
Grid forming BESS	Yes – Low <i>(note 1)</i>	Yes	Yes – synthetic inertia	Yes – fast voltage control
Grid forming STATCOM	Yes – Low <i>(note 1)</i>	Yes	No, without storage, Yes, with energy storage <i>(note 3)</i>	Yes – fast voltage control

(1) The magnitude is significantly lower than that of synchronous machines

(2) Synchronous condensers may require flywheels to provide sufficient inertia levels

(3) With an alternative configuration supercapacitors can provide inertia and primary frequency control

System Strength Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T)

- Powerlink is the designated System Strength Service Provider for Queensland, and is responsible for the provision of system strength services from 2 December 2025
- Commenced the RIT-T process to make system strength services available in March 2023
 - Around 80 unique potential solutions from over 20 proponents
- Project Assessment Draft Report published 4 November 2024
 - Technical and economic assessment of five portfolio options
 - Potential need for up to nine new synchronous condensers by 2034
 - Expect other cost-effective solutions to become available

System Strength proposed solution

- Contract with generating units in Southern and Northern Queensland
- Contract with existing gas turbines to install clutches
- Contract with grid forming batteries to enable connection of future renewable generation
- Powerlink to invest in two or three synchronous condensers in Central Queensland
- Maintain flexibility to reopen the regulatory investment test when other projects become committed

Submissions and proposals for non-network solutions due by Friday, 20 December 2024

Email networkassessments@powerlink.com.au for information

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Getting more from what we have

- Wide Area Monitoring Protection and Control (WAMPAC)
N-2 non-credible event
- Wide Area Monitoring Protection and Control for system strength
- High temperature conductor to provide a higher thermal capacity
- Real-time line ratings
- Virtual transmission line - we can use WAMPAC capability with batteries to get more out of the transmission network
- Leveraging flexible loads to defer augmentations



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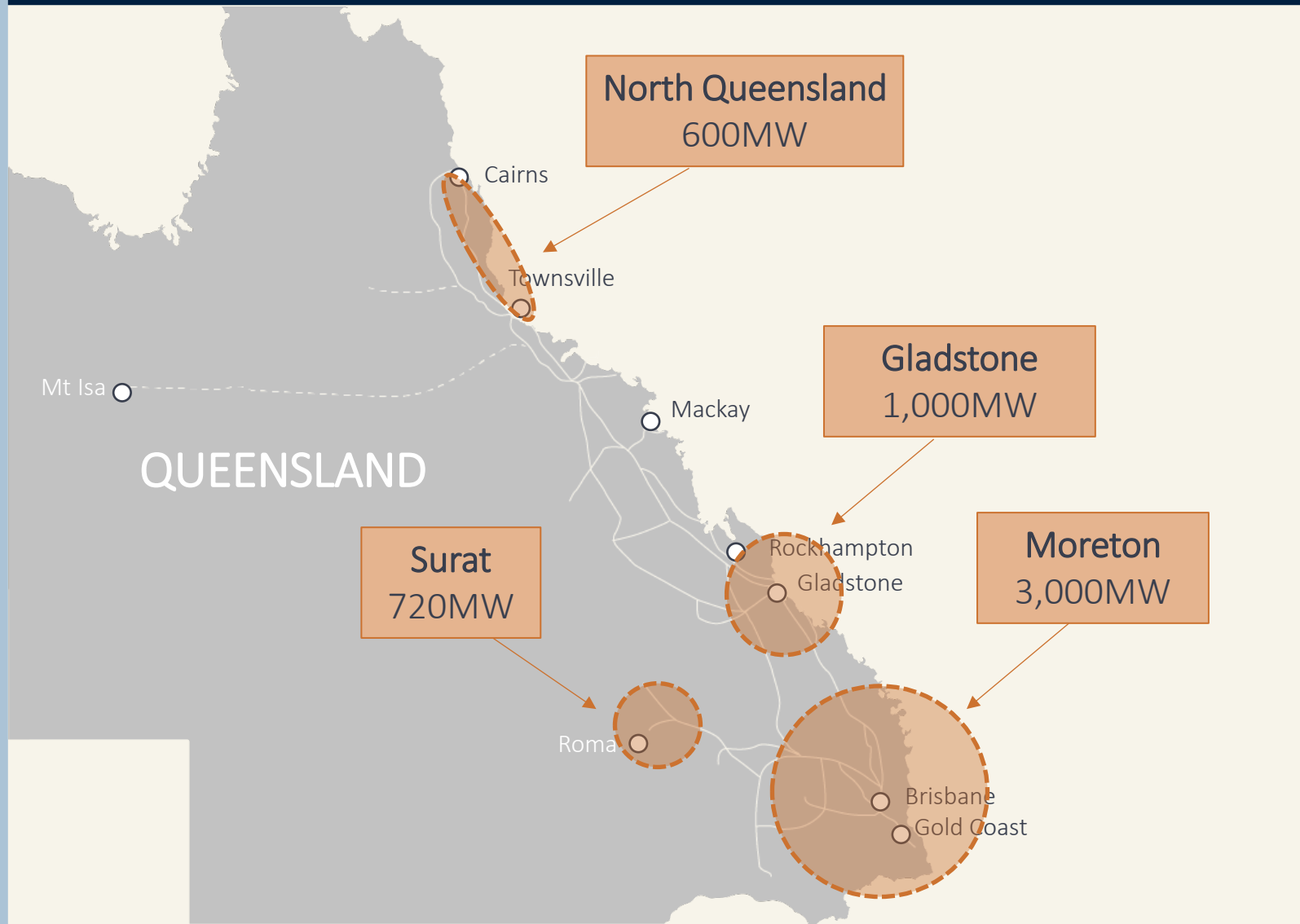
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Load centres



Pumped Hydro Energy Storage

EXISTING AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Kidston 250MW 2.0GWh
- Wivenhoe 570MW 5.7GWh

PROPOSED

- Borumba 2000MW 48GWh
- Capricornia Energy Hub 750MW 12GWh
- Cressbrook (Big T) 400MW 4GWh
- Flavian 600MW 10GWh
- Mt Rawdon 1000-2000MW 20GWh

Total : ~6GW ~100GWh



Wind

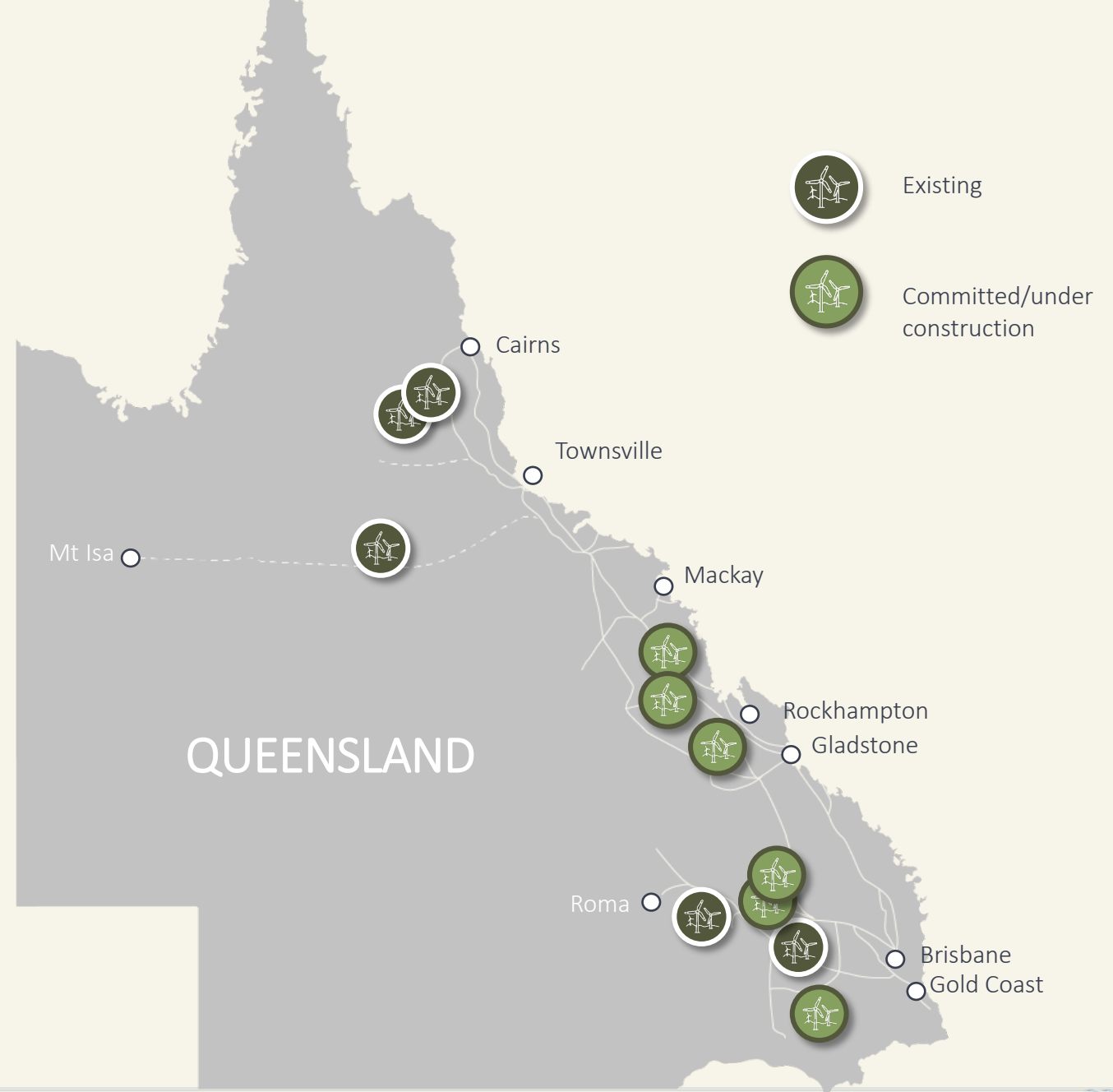
EXISTING

- Coopers Gap Wind Farm 440MW
- Dulacca Renewable Energy Project 173MW
- Kaban Green Power Hub 152MW
- Kennedy Energy Park 43MW
- Mt Emerald Wind Farm 180MW

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Boulder Creek Wind Farm 221MW
- Clarke Creek Wind Farm 440MW
- Lotus Creek Wind Farm 276MW
- MacIntyre Wind Farm 890MW
- Wambo 1 and 2 Wind Farms 497MW

Total : 3,312MW



Gas Generation

EXISTING

- Barcaldine 37MW
- Braemar 1 540MW
- Braemar 2 520MW
- Condamine 144MW
- Darling Downs 630MW
- Oakey 346MW
- Roma 68MW
- Swanbank E 365MW
- Townsville 240MW
- Yarwun 160MW

PROPOSED

- Brigalow GT 400MW

Total : 3,450MW



Batteries

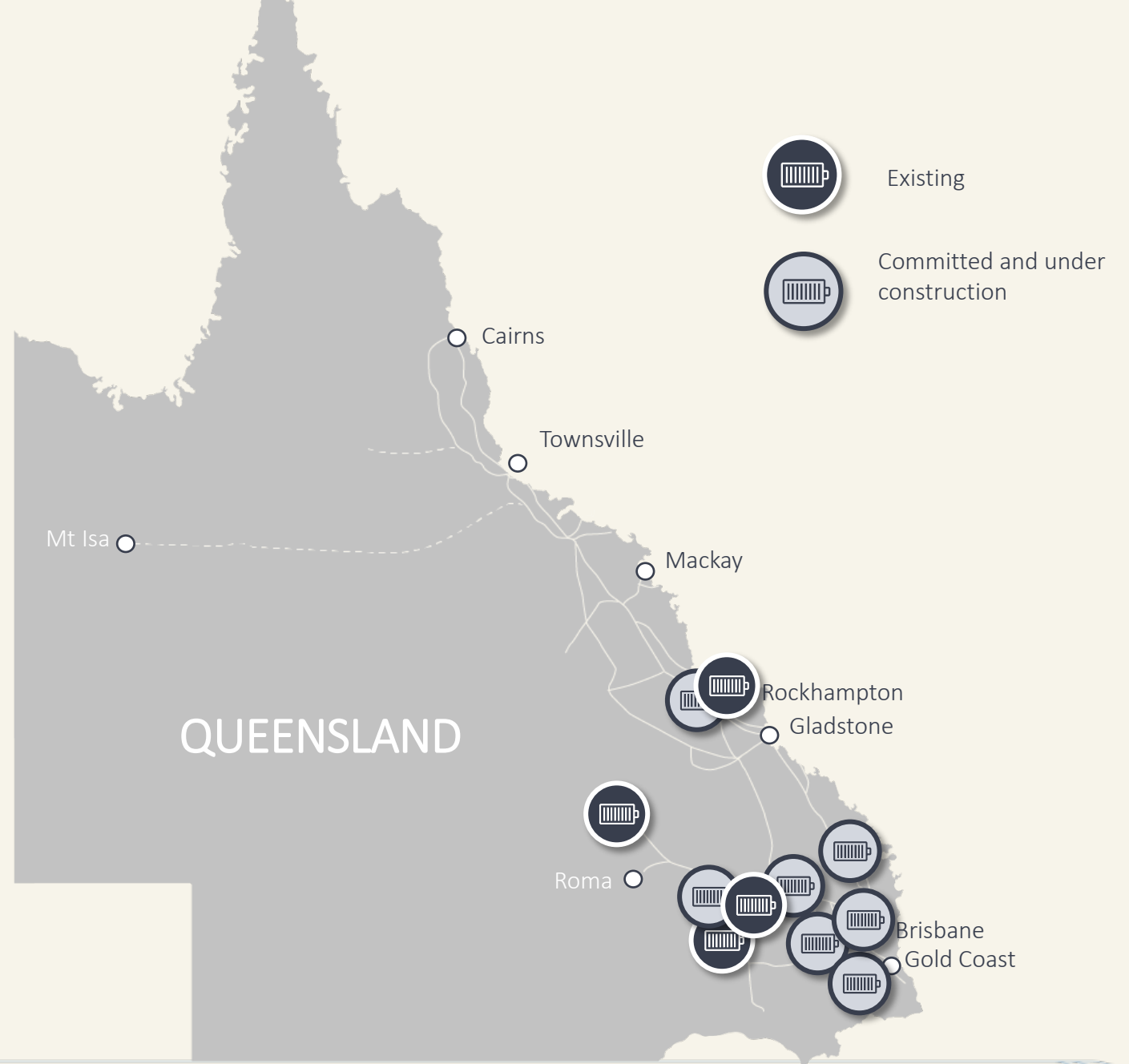
EXISTING

- Bouldercombe 50MW 100MWh
- Chinchilla BESS 100MW 200MWh
- Wandoan BESS 100MW 150MWh
- Western Downs BESS 200MW 400MWh

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Central REZ BESS 300MW 1200MWh
- Greenbank BESS 200MW 400MWh
- Supernode BESS 500MW 1500MWh
- Brendale BESS 205MW 410MWh
- Swanbank BESS 250MW 500MWh
- Tarong REZ BESS 300MW 600MWh
- Ulinda BESS 155MW 298MWh
- Woolooga BESS 200MW 400MWh

Total : 2,560MW 6,158MWh



Dynamic Voltage Support

EXISTING

- Woree 132kV -80 – 150MVAR
- Ross 275kV -80 – 150MVAR
- Strathmore 275kV -94 – 260MVAR
- Nebo 275kV -80 – 260MVAR
- Woolloga 275kV -100 – 350MVAR
- South Pine 275kV -100 – 350MVAR
- Blackwall 275kV -50 – 250MVAR
- Greenbank 275kV -100 – 350MVAR



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A word from our Chair

Kathy Hirschfeld AM
Chair



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A woman with her hair in a ponytail, wearing a dark blue polo shirt, is seen from behind, looking out at a bright sunset over a body of water. The sun is a large, glowing orb in the center of the frame, casting a warm, golden light across the sky and water. The woman's shirt has the text "CONNECTING QUEENSLANDERS TO A WORLD-CLASS ENERGY FUTURE" printed on the back.

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