

2024 Transmission Network Forum

# Transmission Annual Planning Report (TAPR) Technical Session

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We pay our respect to their Ancestors, Elders and knowledge holders and recognise their deep history and ongoing connection to Country.



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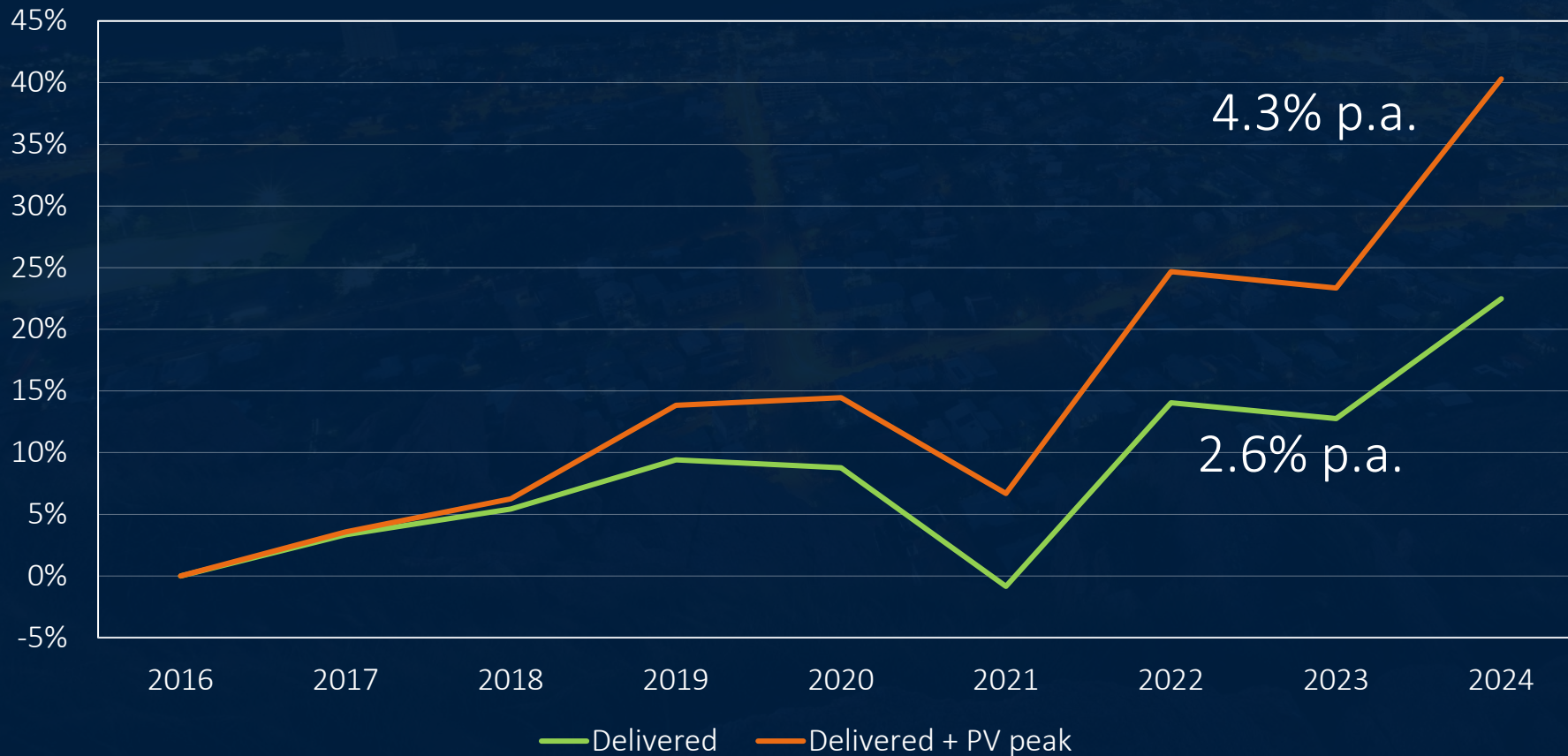
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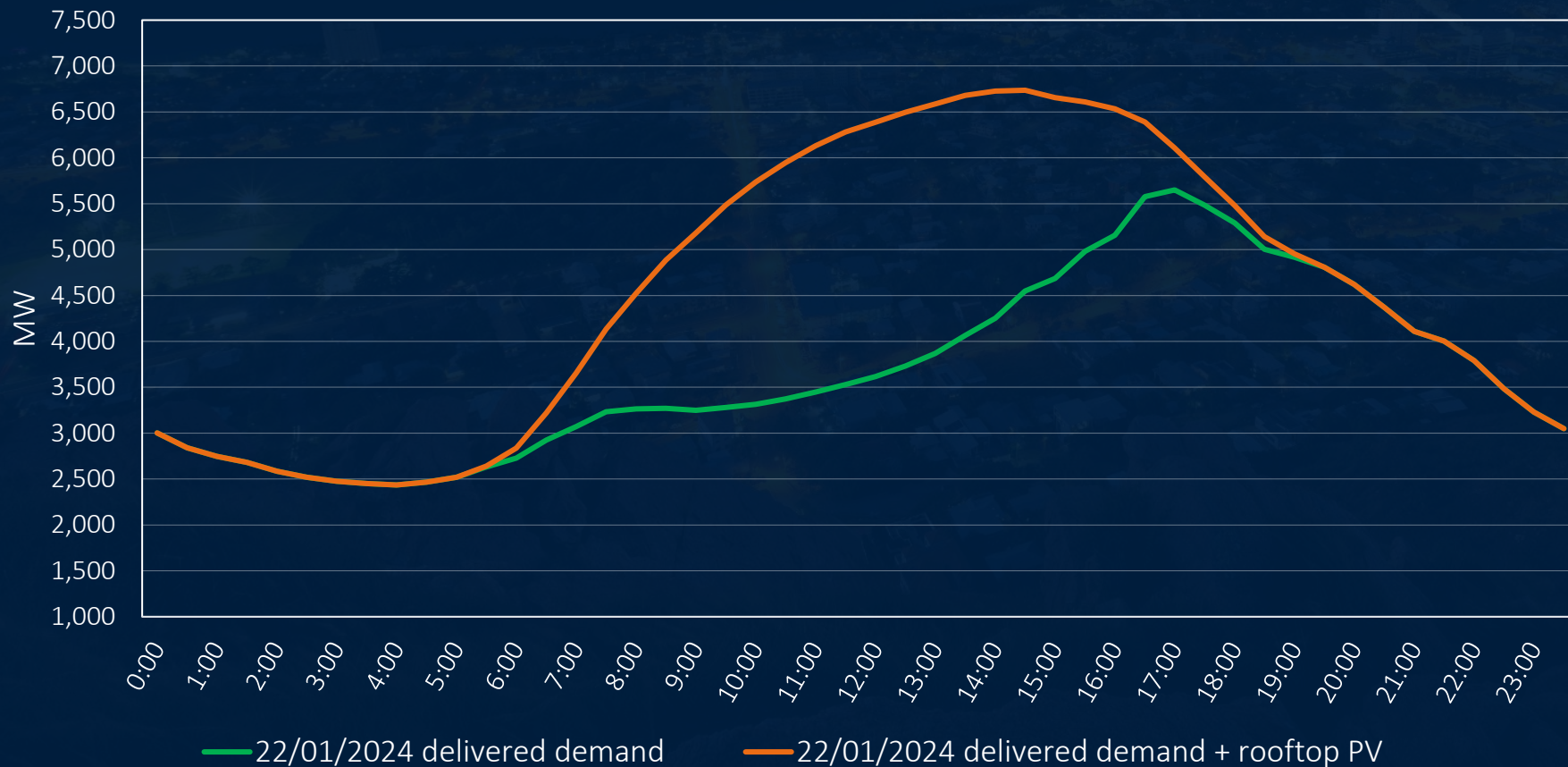


# Historical SEQ maximum demand



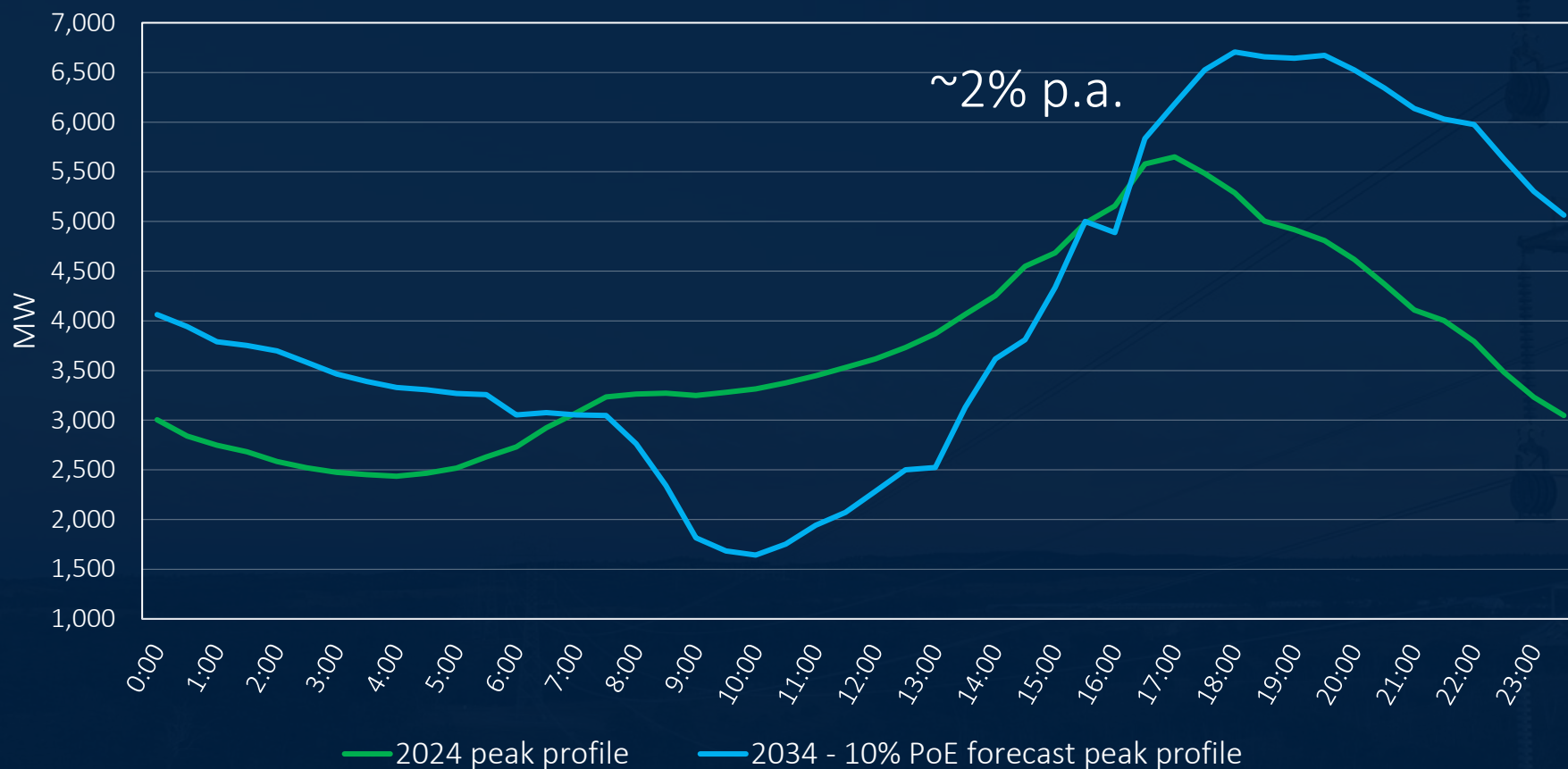


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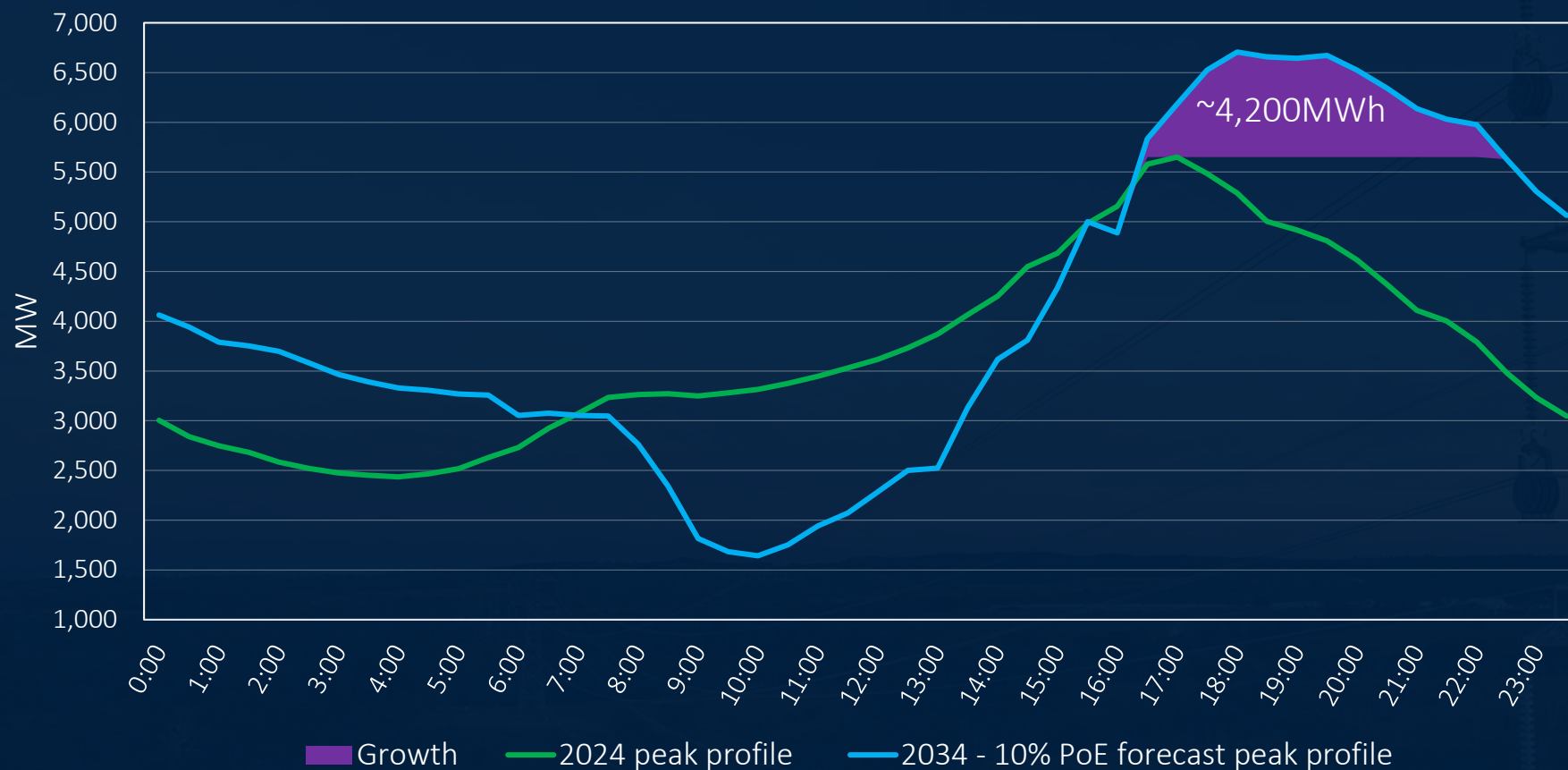




# Forecast SEQ maximum demand

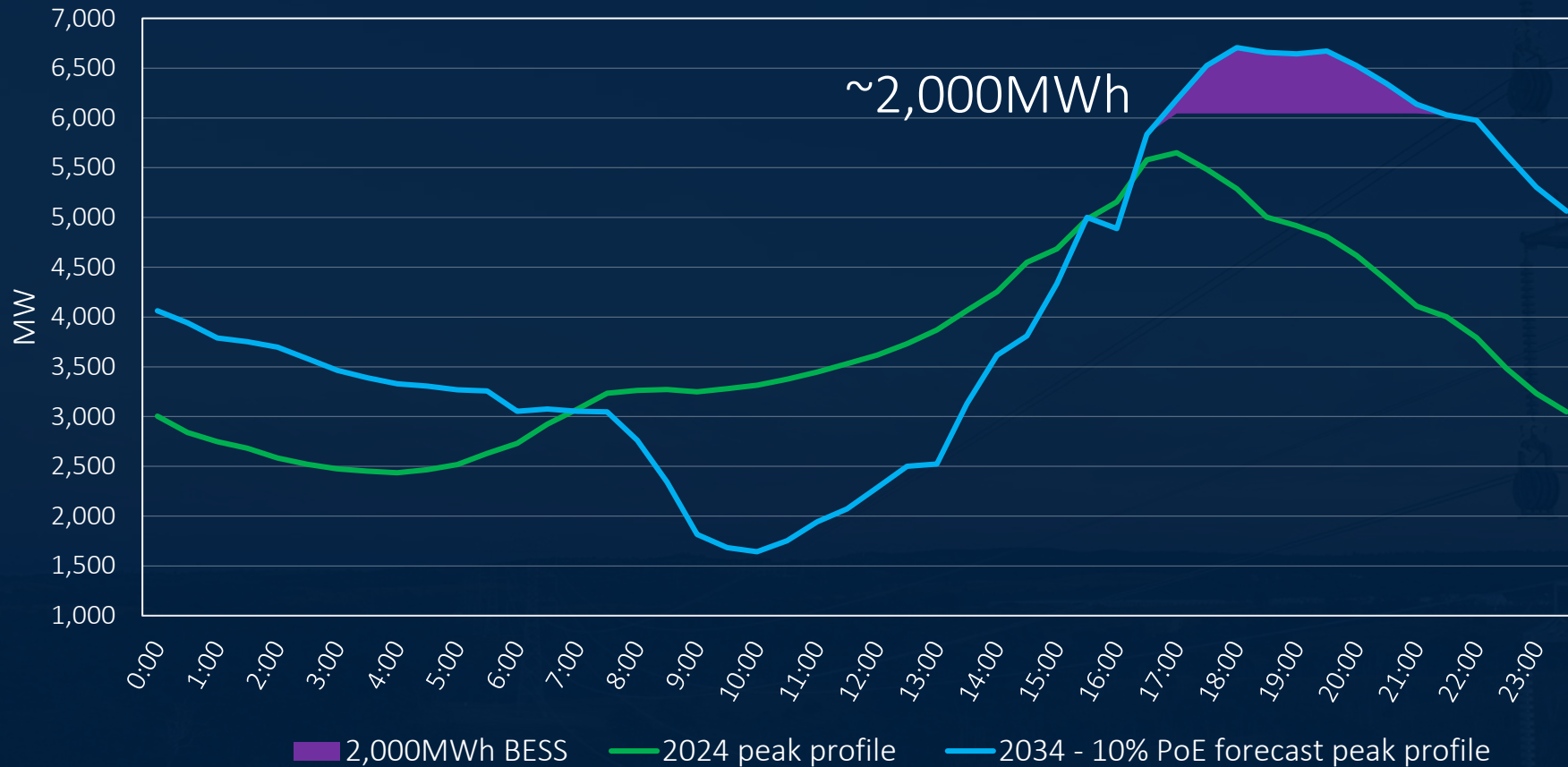


# Moderating SEQ maximum demand

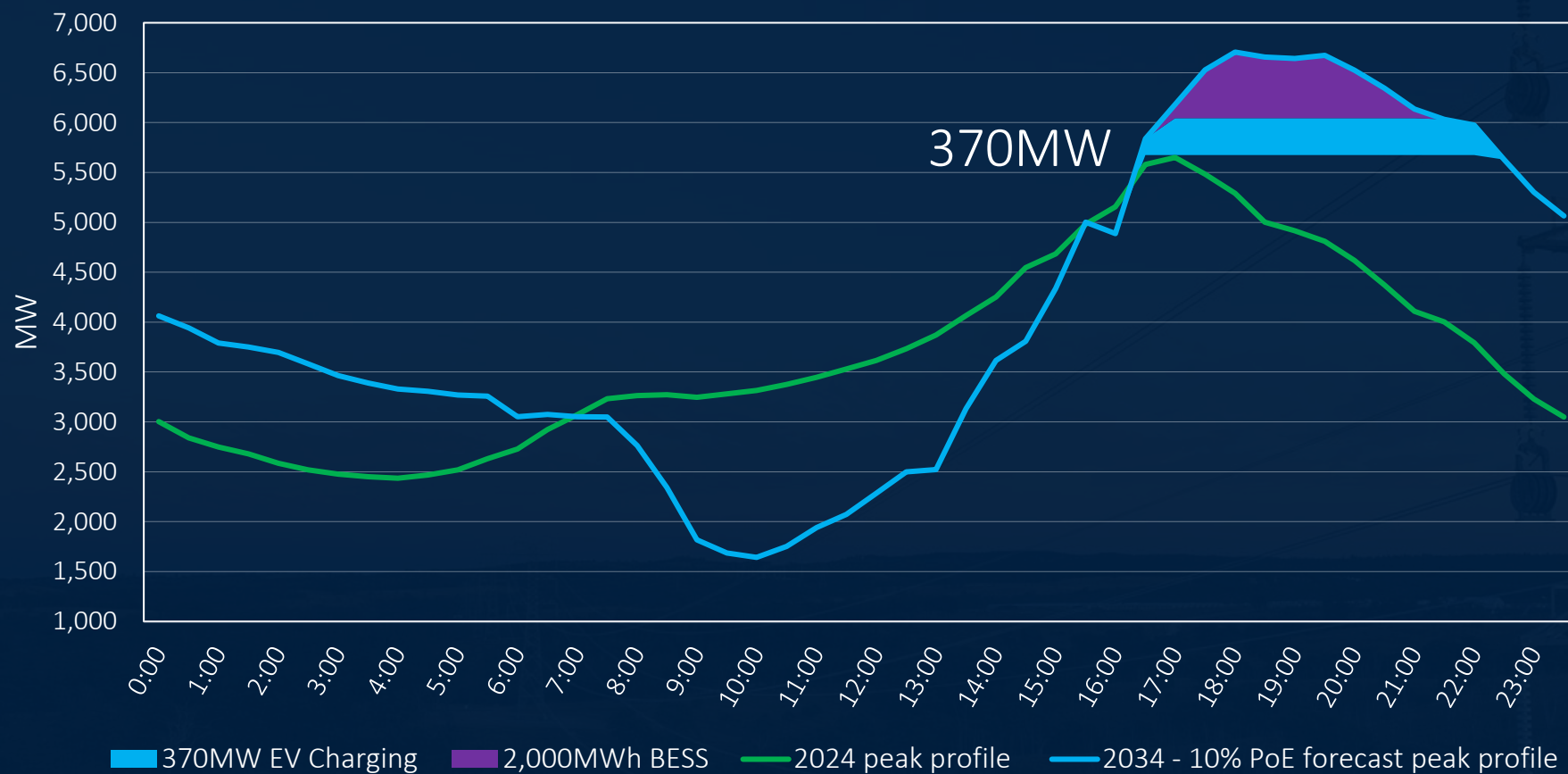




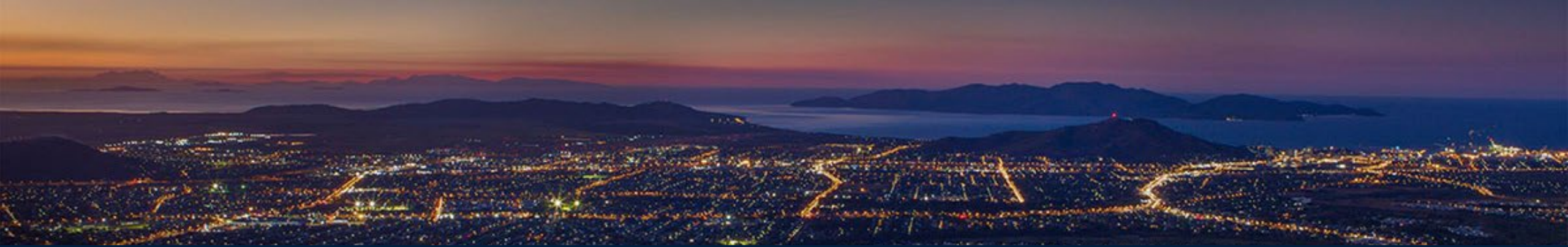
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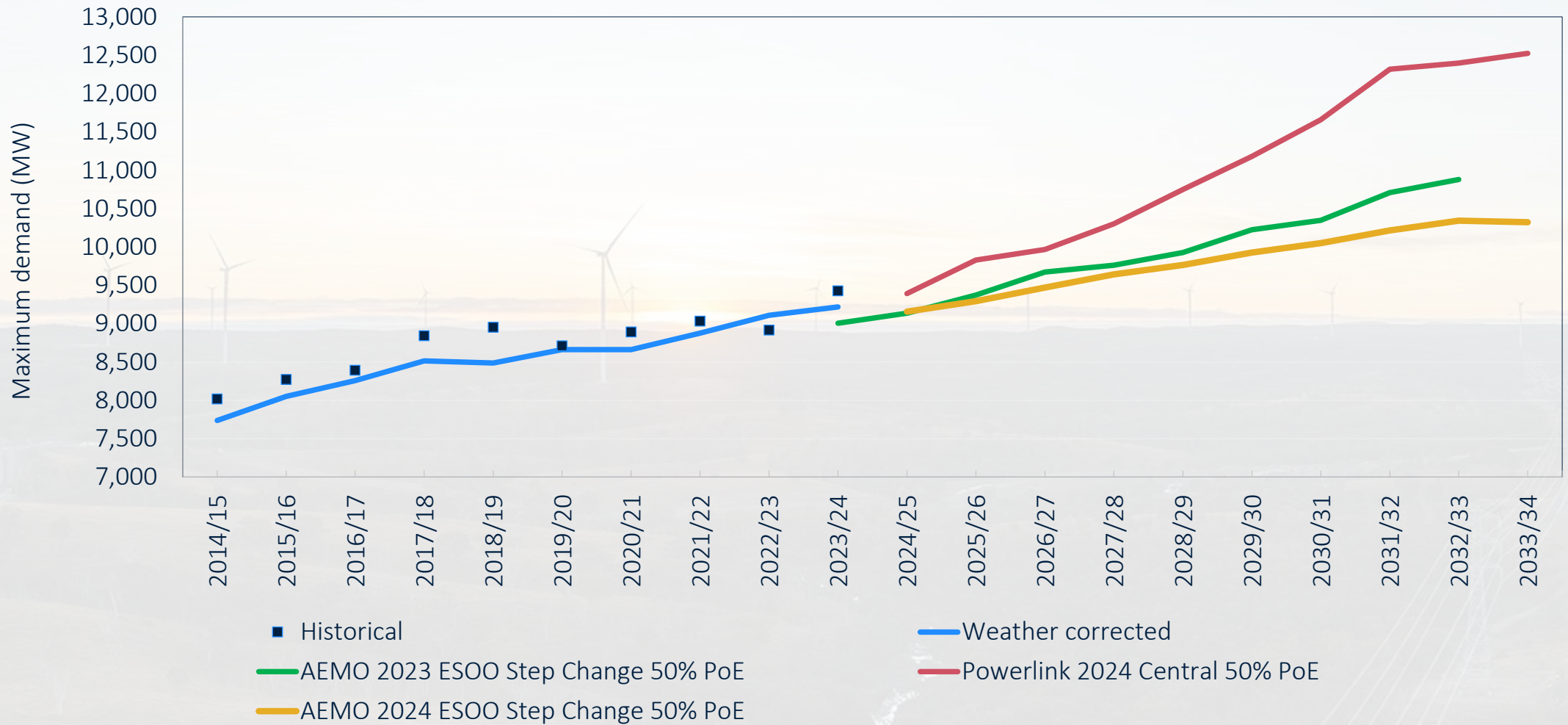




# New large industrial loads

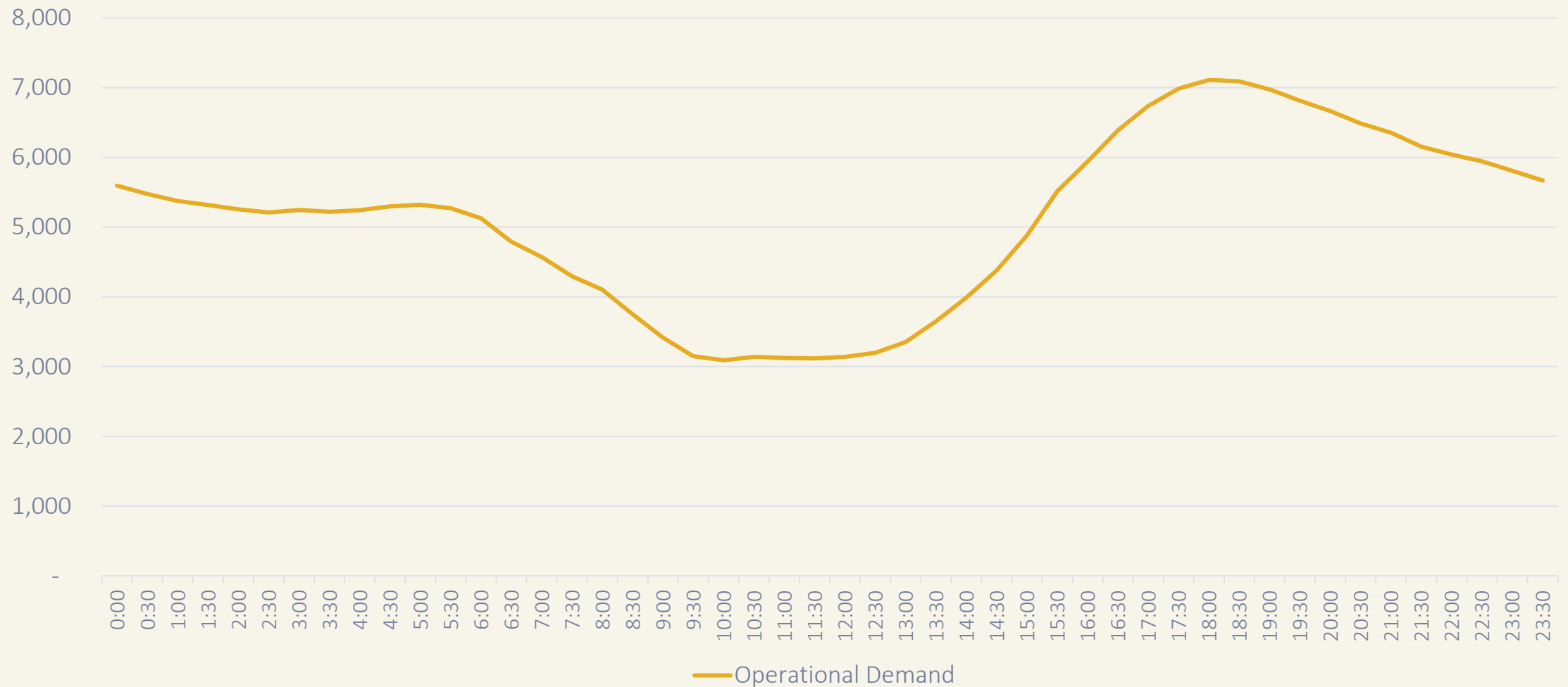
Zone	Description	Load in forecast	Possible load
North Queensland	Electrification	~1,500MW	1,600MW
	Manufacturing		
Gladstone	Hydrogen production and liquefaction		3,300 – 7,750MW
	Electrification		
Southern Queensland	Data Centre and industrial	275MW	

# Queensland maximum demand forecast

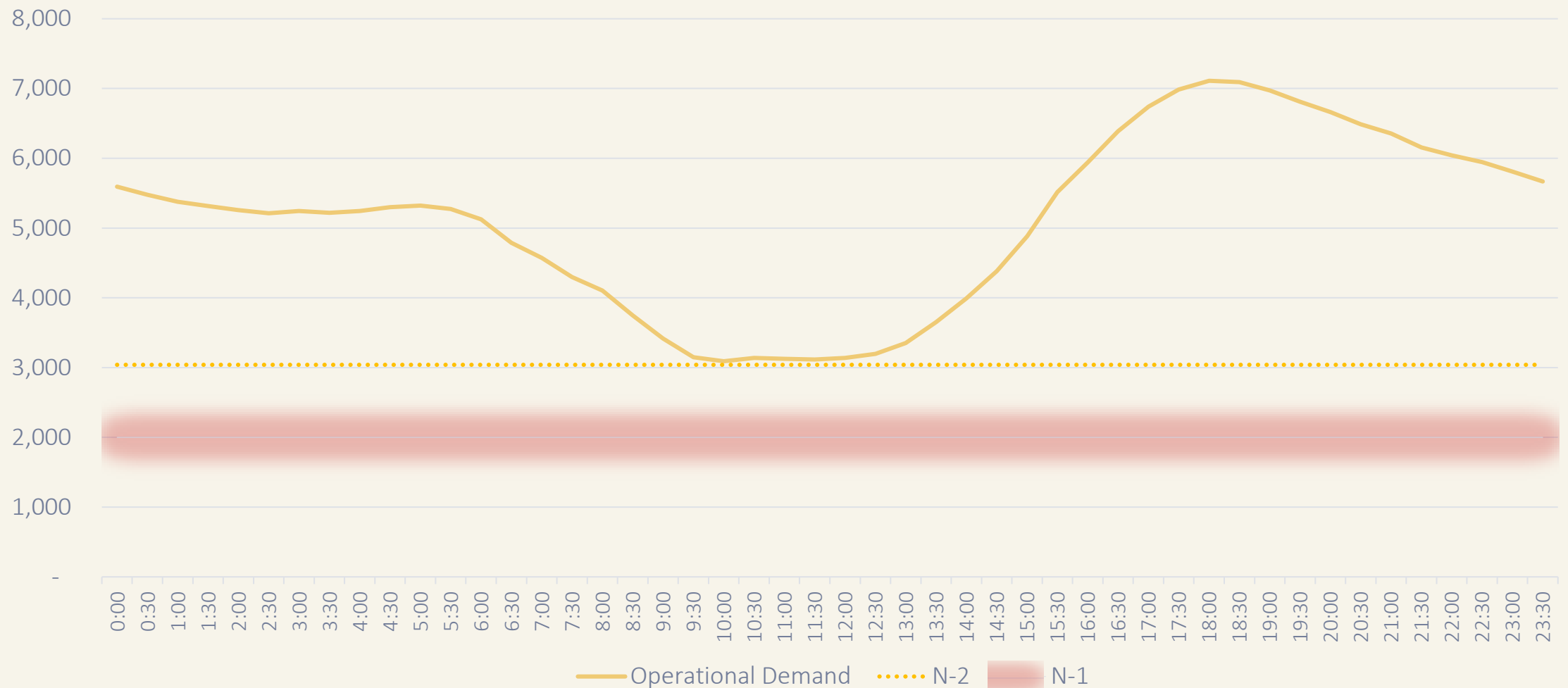




# Minimum demand

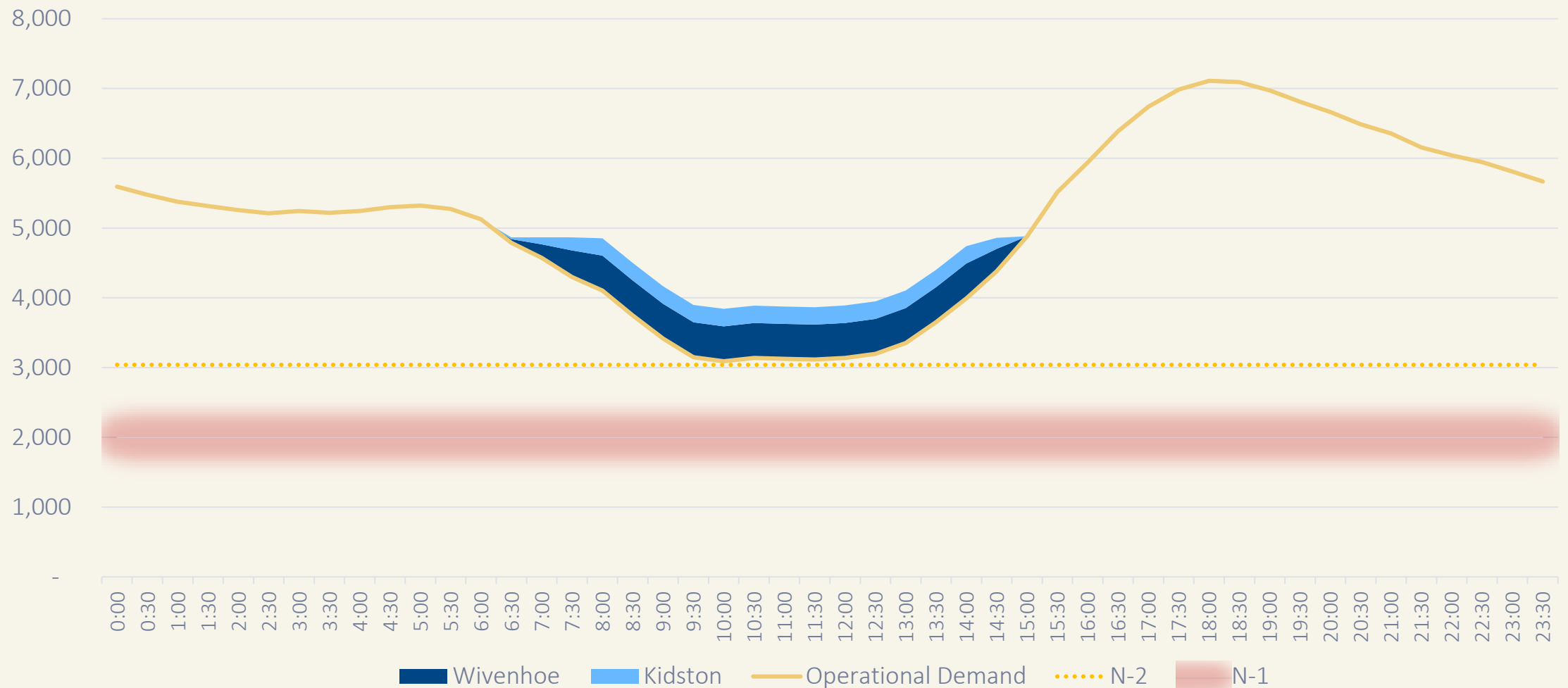


# Minimum demand – stability limits

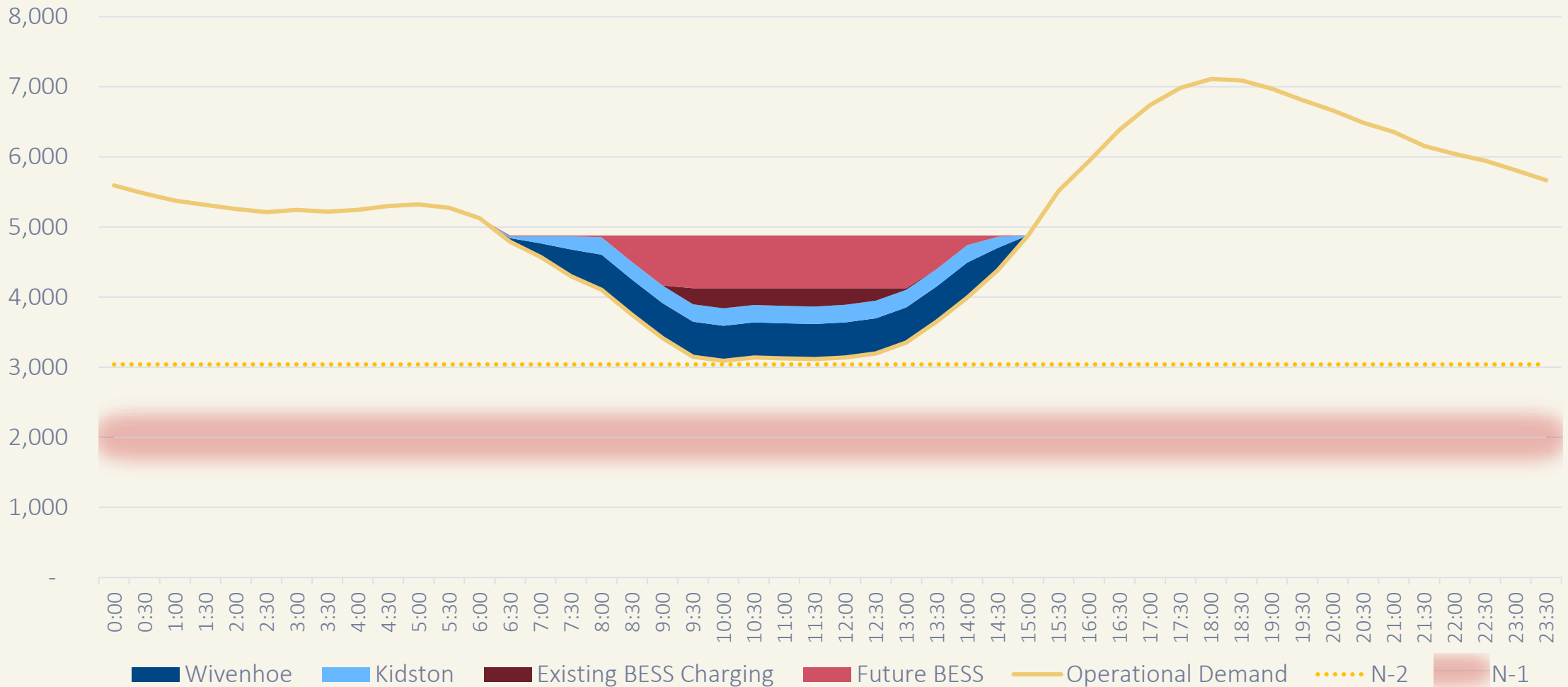




# Minimum demand – pumped hydro



# Minimum demand – batteries





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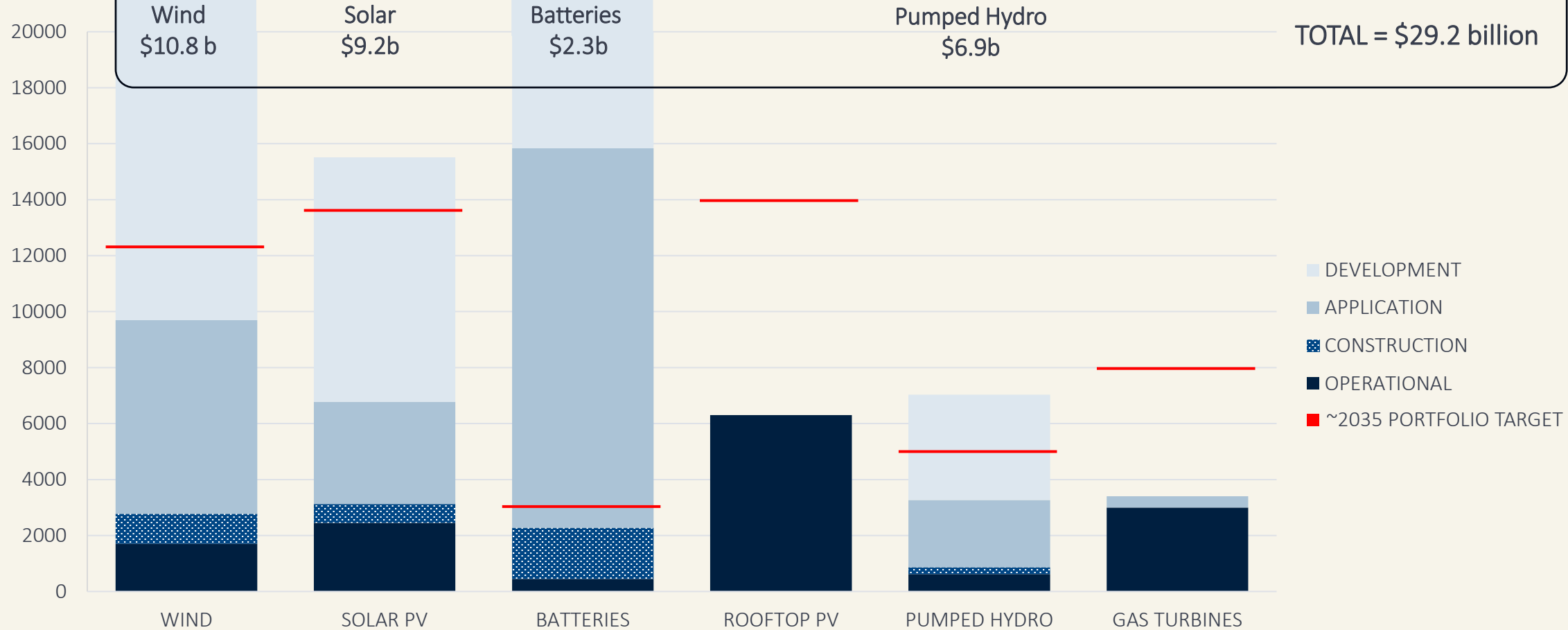
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# Queensland forward pipeline

Sum of Capacity (MW)





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# Renewable Energy Zones

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

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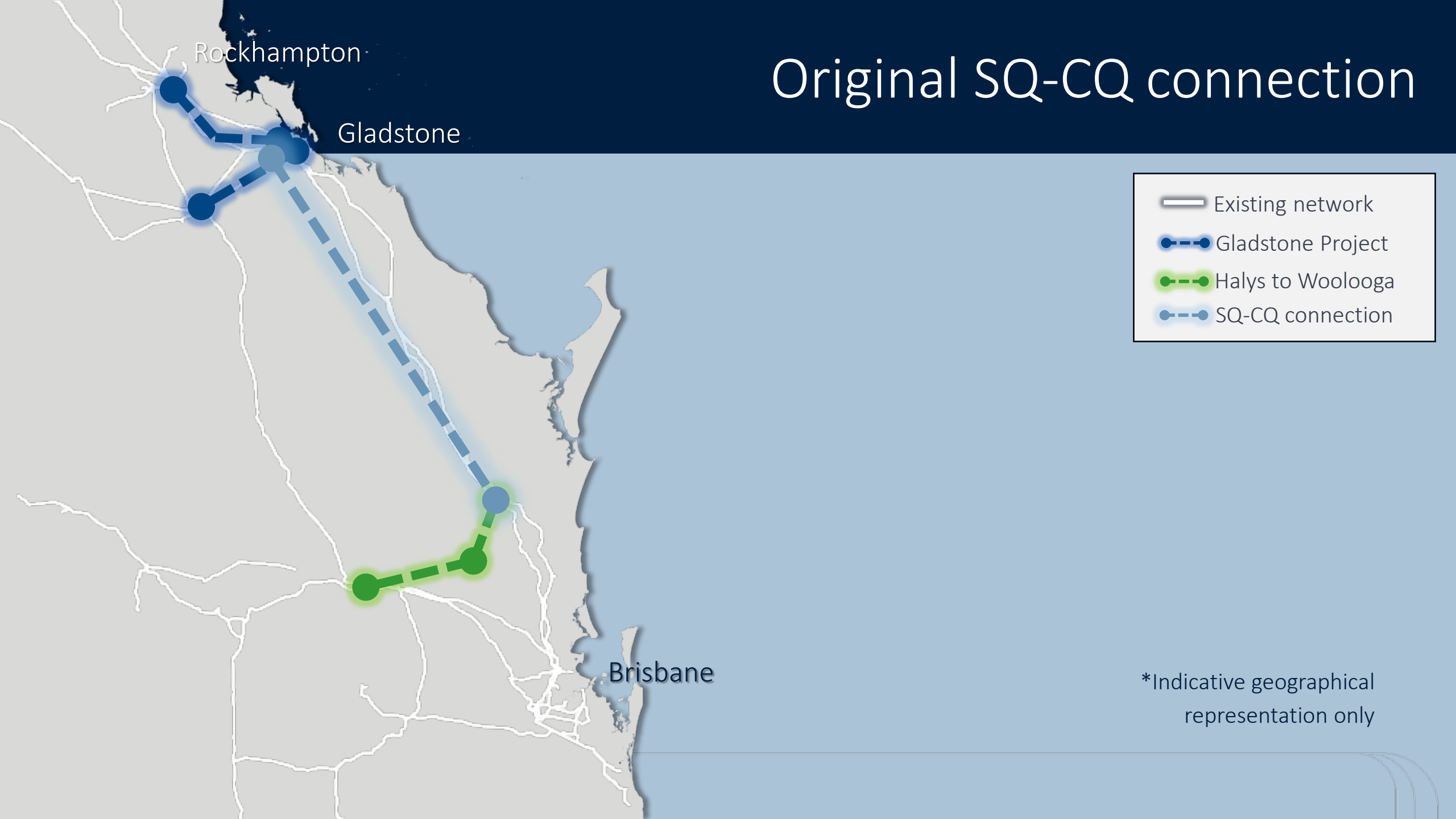
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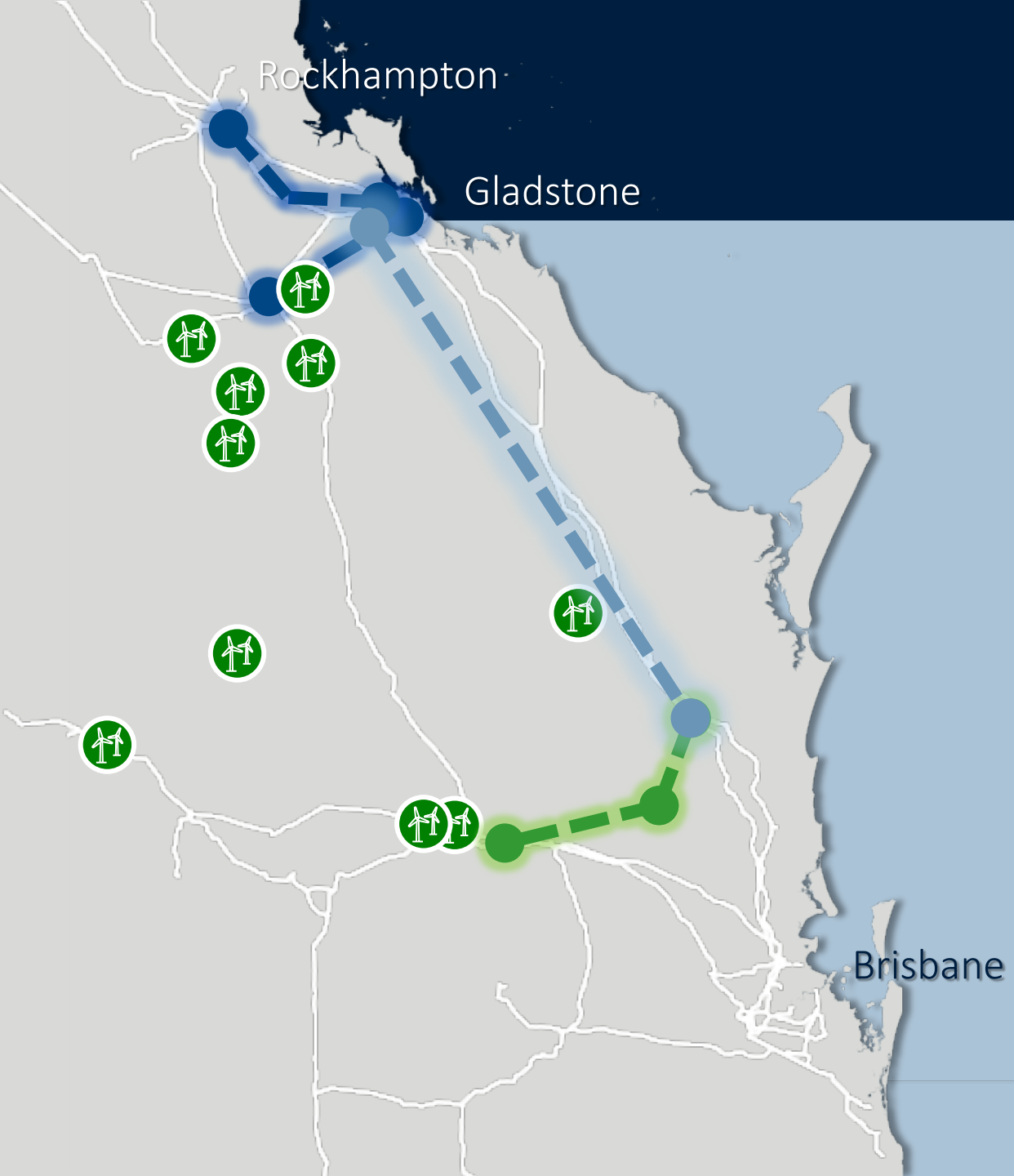


# Original SQ-CQ connection



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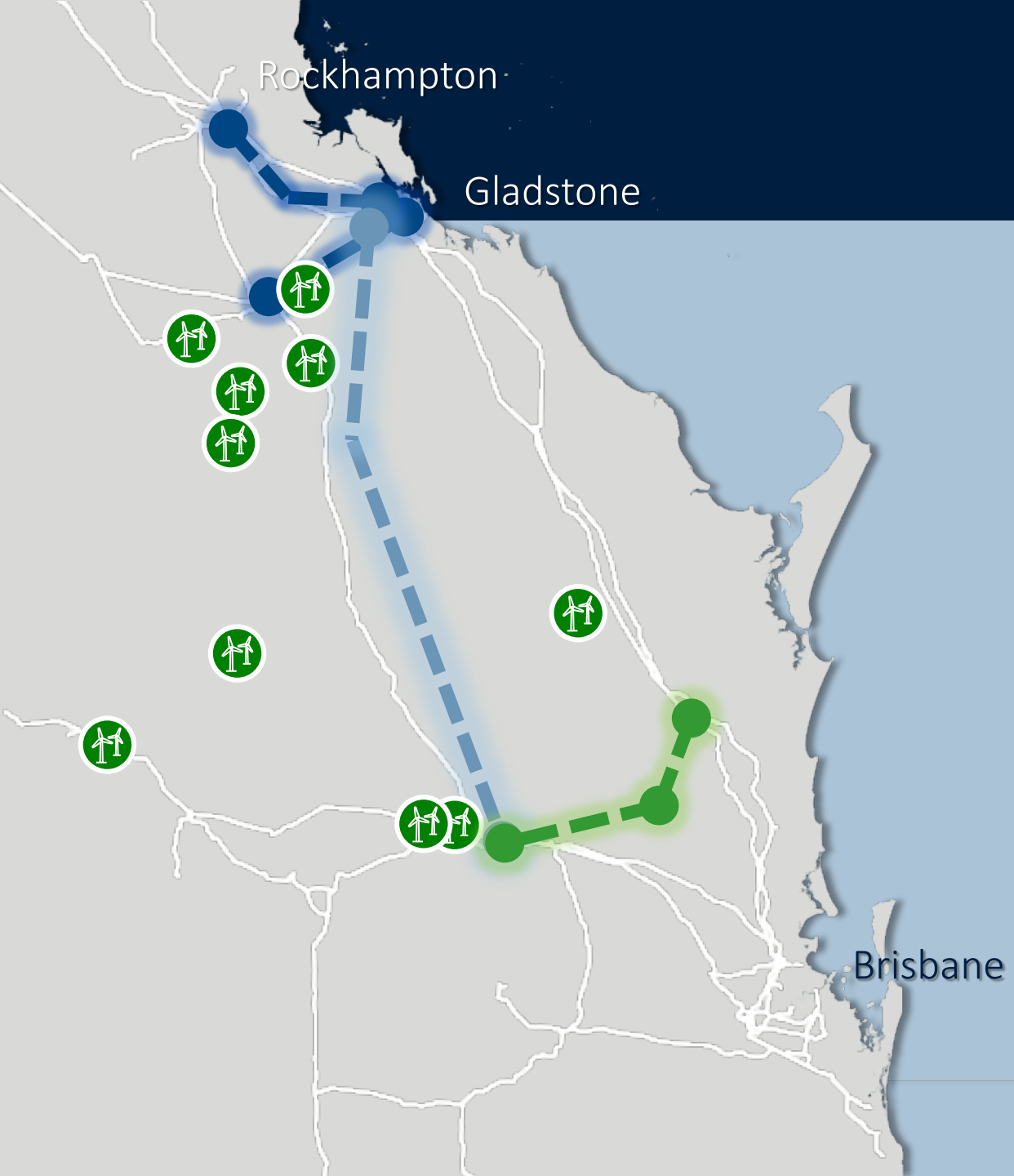
# Updated SQ-CQ connection



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

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# Ancillary services

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](mailto: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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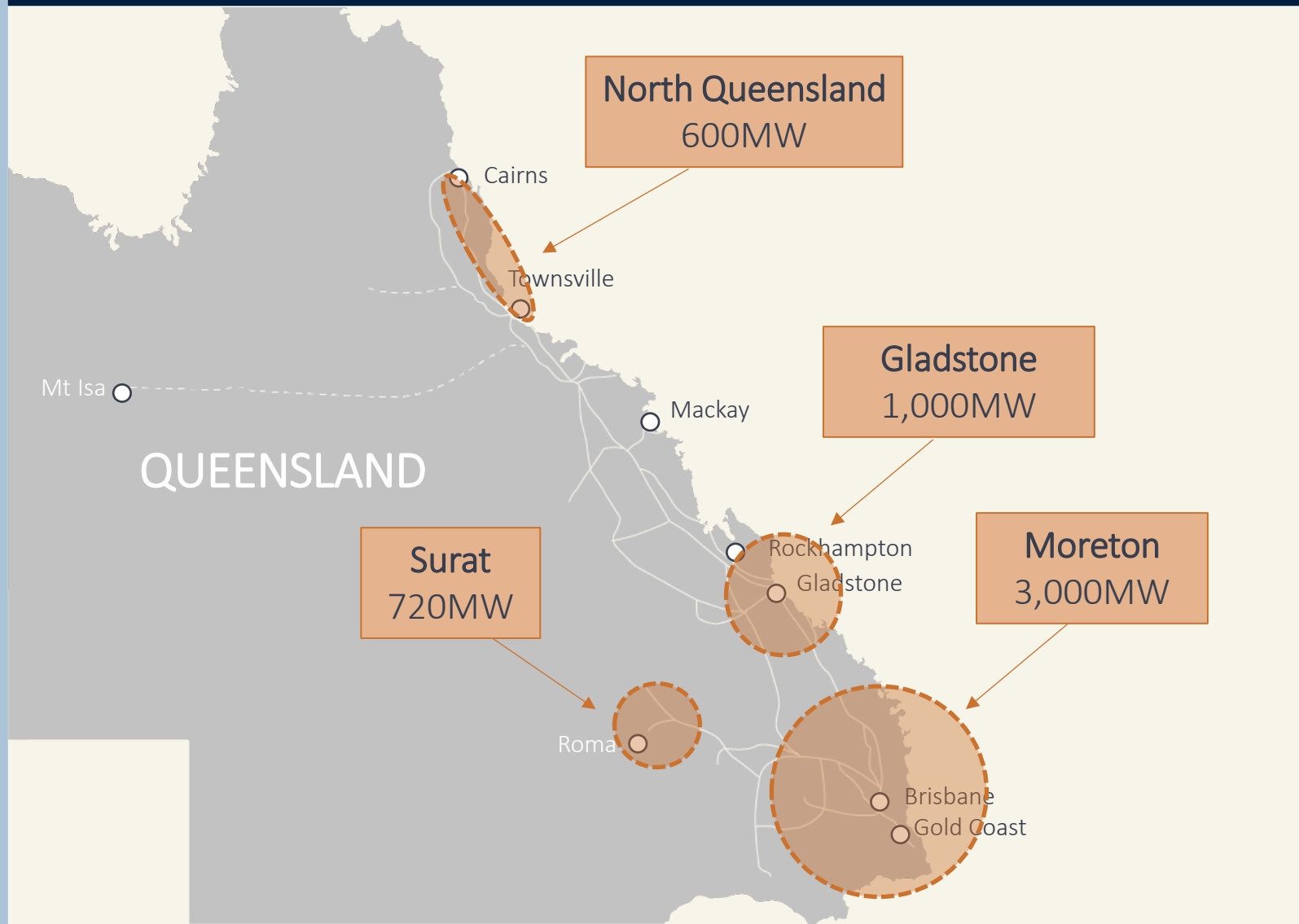
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# Load centres



# 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

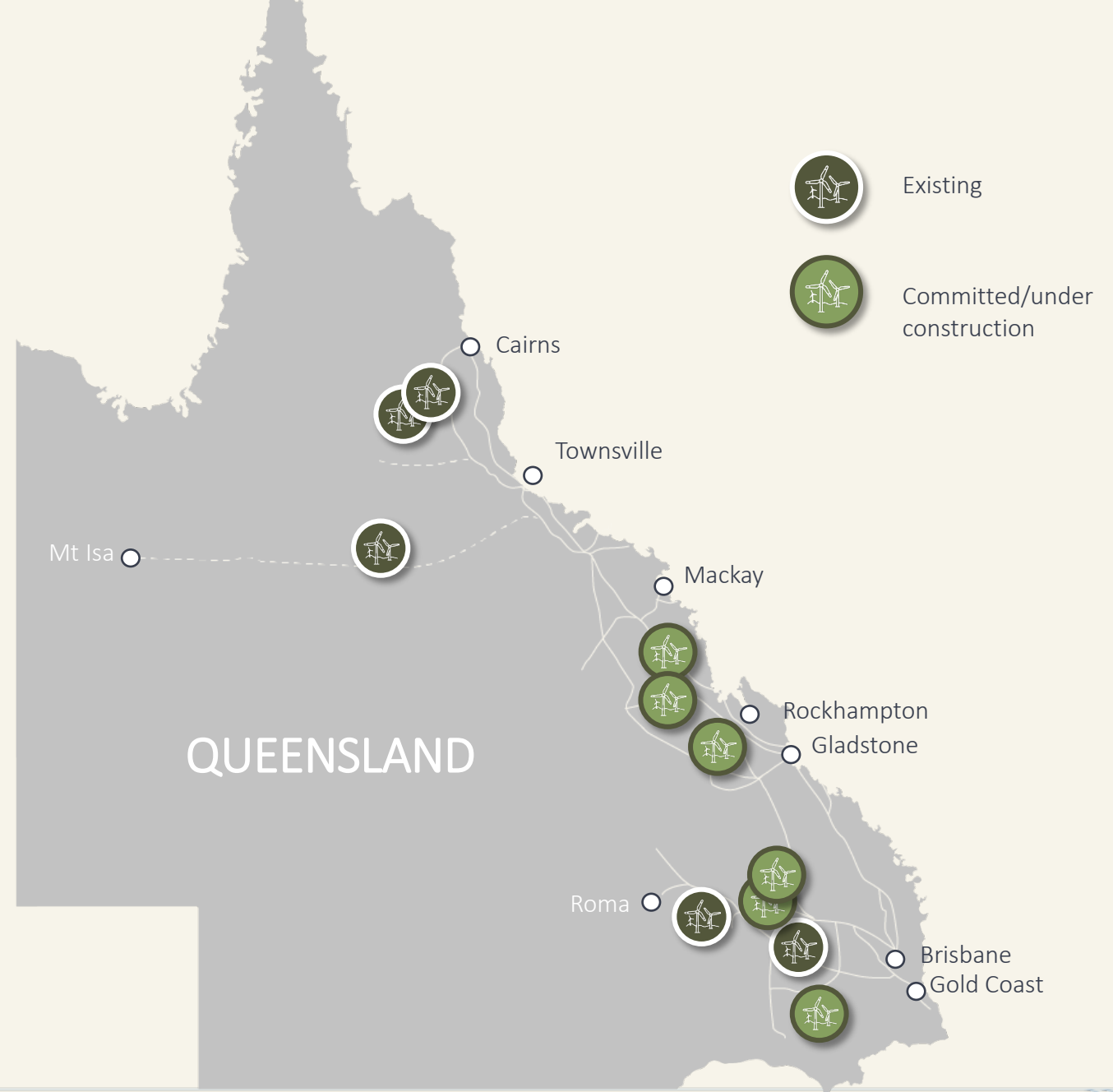
## EXISTING

- 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

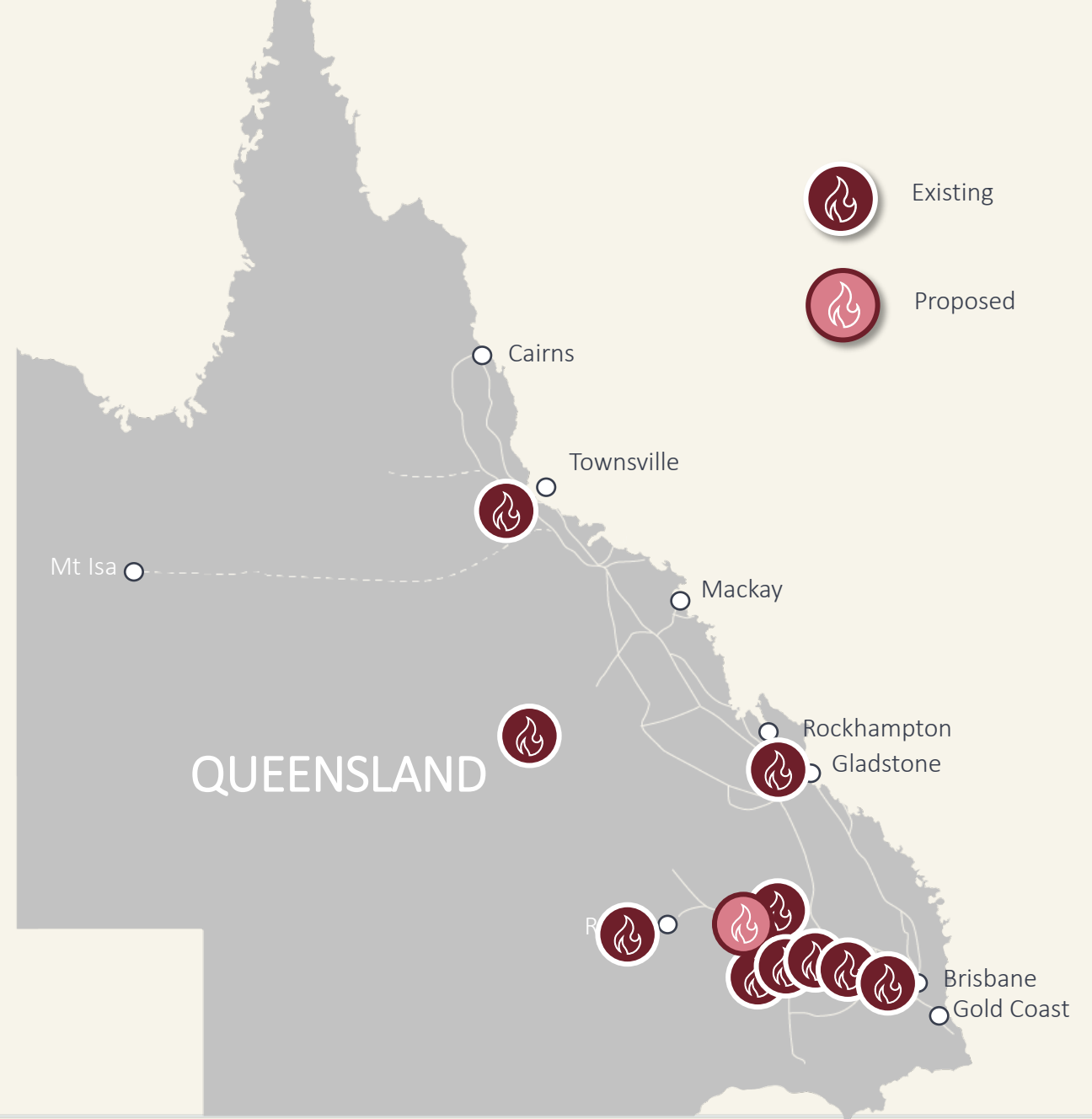
## EXISTING

- 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

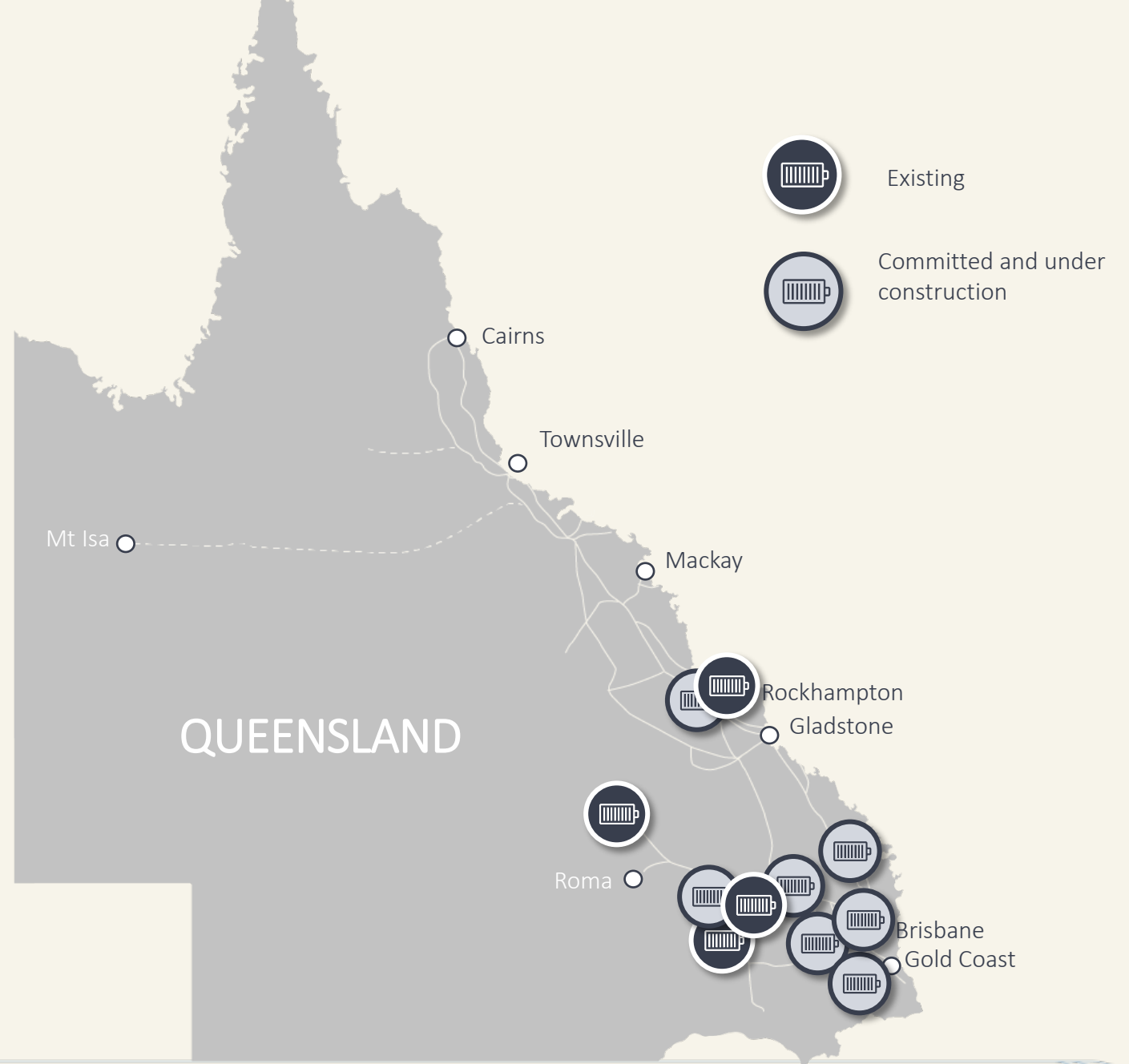
## EXISTING

- 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





# Questions