

# Canberra air energy storage project

How does compressed air work in Australia?

The compressed air is sent down a shaft into a purpose-built underground cavern. When energy is required, compressed air is sent back up the shaft to drive a turbine, which generates electricity that can be used to stabilize the local grid, provide energy for Broken Hill, or be sold into Australia's National Electricity Market (NEM) grid.

What is compressed air energy storage (CAES)?

Among the different ES technologies, compressed air energy storage (CAES) can store tens to hundreds of MW of power capacity for long-term applications and utility-scale. The increasing need for large-scale ES has led to the rising interest and development of CAES projects.

How is compressed air stored in a cavern?

Heat is extracted from the air and kept inside a thermal store, preserving the energy for later use. Compressed air is stored in an underground cavern, which is kept at constant pressure. On charge, compressed air displaces water out of the cavern up a water column to a surface reservoir.

What is energy storage & why is it important?

Energy storage (ES) plays a key role in the energy transition to low-carbon economies due to the rising use of intermittent renewable energy in electrical grids. Among the different ES technologies, compressed air energy storage (CAES) can store tens to hundreds of MW of power capacity for long-term applications and utility-scale.

How can large scale storage improve power supply in Australia?

"In Australia's regional towns at the fringe of the grid such as Broken Hill, new large scale storage technologies can provide back-up power to communities that will improve the reliability of electricity supply. Having more grid scale storage will also support more solar and wind in regional areas," he said. ARENA media contact: [media@arena.gov.au](mailto:media@arena.gov.au)

Will Arena fund the Silver City Energy Storage Project?

ARENA's funding for the Silver City Energy Storage Project, developed by Hydrostor, is conditional upon the project reaching financial close, which is expected to occur in late 2023. Once built, the project will be one of the world's largest compressed air projects, providing at least 8 hours of storage.

Ekus Energy, the UK battery platform of Macquarie's Green Investment Group (GIG), held a ground-breaking ceremony for its 250-MW/500-MWh Williamsdale battery energy ...

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Thermodynamic and hydrodynamic response of compressed air energy storage reservoirs Installation of large-scale compressed air energy storage (CAES) plants requires underground ...

Quotes attributable to ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr: The construction of the Williamsdale Battery Energy Storage System is a significant milestone in the ACT's journey ...

The transaction will support Hydrostor's continued investment in Advanced Compressed Air Energy Storage (A-CAES) projects in Canada and around the ...

The large-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) will provide at least 250 megawatts (MW) of power. This is enough energy to power one-third of Canberra for two hours ...

Broken Hill is closer to becoming one of the world's largest renewable energy microgrids with the New South Wales (NSW) government giving planning approval for a ...

The company makes systems that store energy underground in the form of compressed air, which can be released to produce electricity for ...

The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) government and Eku Energy have commenced construction of the Williamsdale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), a 250 ...

Explore the Williamsdale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project by Eku Energy, a 250MW/500MWh facility in Canberra. This project enhances energy ...

The Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) program invests in projects that accelerate the implementation of long duration energy storage solutions to increase the ...

As heatwaves bake grids and storms knock out power lines, the Canberra reservoir serves as an energy insurance policy. During 2024's "Black Summer 2.0" bushfires, early-stage storage ...

Eku Energy secures funding for a groundbreaking 250-MW battery project in Canberra, set to revolutionize renewable energy storage and power grid stability by 2026.

Compressed air energy storage (CAES) is one of the many energy storage options that can store electric energy in the form of potential energy (compressed air) and can be deployed near ...

This year, China's National Energy Administration officially released a list of 56 new energy storage pilot demonstration projects, 11 of ...

The way has been cleared for construction to begin on a 250 MW / 500 MWh battery energy storage system



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that will help "future proof" the Australian Capital Territory's ...

Why the Canberra Energy Storage Project Is Making Headlines Australia's capital is stepping into the renewable energy spotlight with its ambitious Canberra energy storage reservoir project. ...

In a Compressed Air Energy Storage system, the compressed air is stored in an underground aquifer. Wind energy is used to compress the air, along with available off-peak power. The plant ...

Liquid Air Energy Storage (LAES), also known as cryogenic energy storage, uses excess power to compress and liquefy dried/CO<sub>2</sub>-free air. When power is needed, the air is heated to its ...

1 &#0183; TORONTO, September 16, 2025--Hydrostor, a global long-duration energy storage (LDES) developer and operator of advanced compressed air energy storage (A-CAES) ...

&quot;The Big Canberra Battery represents a significant milestone for Eku Energy as we celebrate our first gigawatt-hour of battery energy storage in delivery in Australia,&quot; he said. Eku Energy came ...

From pv magazine print edition 3/24. In a disused mine-site cavern in the Australian outback, a 200 MW/1,600 MWh compressed air energy storage project is being developed by Canadian ...

Two first-of-a-kind technologies in Australia are firming up as options to crack the tough nut of energy storage that lasts much longer than batteries.

On 10 October 2024 the UK Government gave the green light to a cap and floor scheme to help bring long duration energy storage (LDES) projects to market. ...

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The Australian Capital Territory government has firmed its commitment to deliver one of the largest battery storage systems in the Southern Hemisphere to support Canberra's energy grid ...

Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) has emerged as one of the most promising large-scale energy storage technologies for balancing electricity supply and demand in modern power grids.

With a \$1.5 million investment and support from Evoenergy, Canberra's electricity distribution network service provider, the new project aims to bring energy storage ...

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Once completed, the Jintan project will hold the title of the world's largest compressed air energy storage facility, integrating groundbreaking advancements in both ...

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