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Australian energy storage battery procurement



Overview

Australia has taken a decisive step in reshaping its electricity grid, awarding more than 15 GWh of battery energy storage projects in what marks the country's largest procurement round to date. How much is battery storage worth in Australia?

Credit: Phonlamai Photo / Shutterstock. The first quarter (Q1) of 2025 has seen a surge in investment for large-scale battery storage in Australia, with six projects worth a total of A\$2.4bn (\$1.5bn) reaching the financial commitment stage, according to the latest Clean Energy Australia Report 2025.

Who are Australia's leading energy storage companies?

Global players such as TotalEnergies, Lightsource bp, and AMPYR Australia also secured awards, underscoring the international confidence in Australia's energy storage market. Geographically, New South Wales and Victoria each host five projects, Queensland four, and South Australia two.

What is the largest battery energy storage tender?

The third CIS tender awarded 4.13 GW of contracts to battery energy storage projects across the mainland NEM. This marks the largest battery tender to date. The tender locked in 15.37 GWh of energy storage capacity. This tops the previous record of 13.8 GWh set by the LTESA long-duration energy storage tenders.

Why do we need energy storage systems in Australia?

Clean Energy Council chief policy and impact officer Arron Wood said: "Energy storage systems, such as big batteries, are a critical part of Australia's future energy mix and act as a reliable back-up system allowing us to store renewable energy for when it is needed most and keep the lights on under all conditions.

Will Waratah super battery be Australia's biggest storage tender?

Waratah Super Battery. Photo: Akaysha Energy. Key design changes have been released ahead of what is expected to be Australia's biggest ever storage tender when it is launched as part of the federal government's Capacity Investment Scheme next month.

Which country has the largest battery energy storage system in Q1?

According to the report, the largest battery energy storage system (BESS) project to reach financial commitment in Q1 was in Wooreen, Victoria, boasting a storage capacity of 350MW and an energy output of 1.4GWh. South Australia led in terms of capacity, with projects totalling 640MW/1.8GWh.

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