

**HOW TO DESTROY A
PERFECTLY GOOD
ELECTRICITY GRID
IN A MILLION
EASY STEPS**

Renewables and Energy Security

Twelve seconds to take out a grid

South Australia

New South Wales

Victoria

The joy
of blackouts

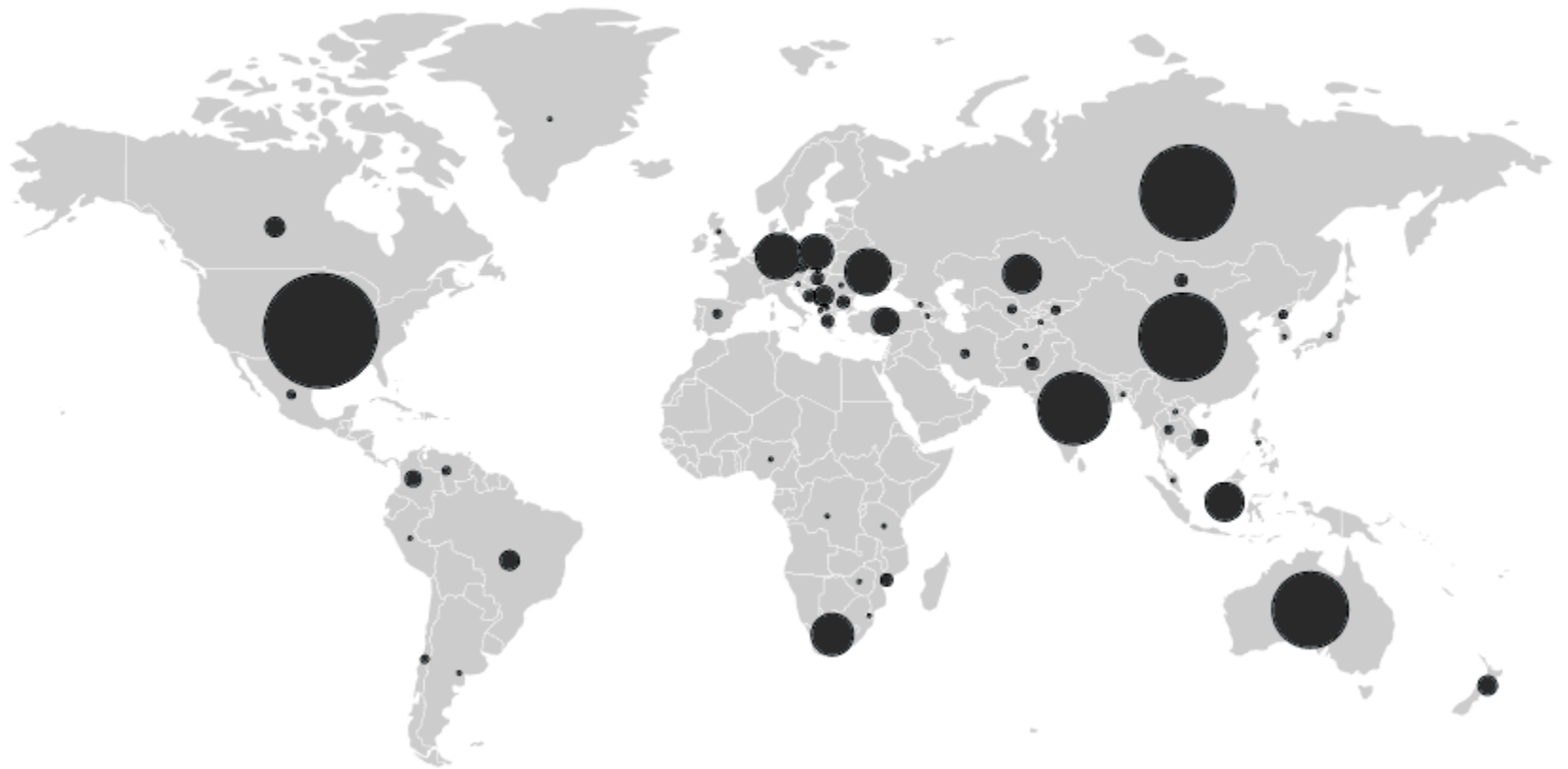




Coal

Codrington, Stephen. *Planet Geography 3rd Edition* (2005)

Coal Recoverable Reserves



Total coal exports 2020

MT

450

400

350

300

250

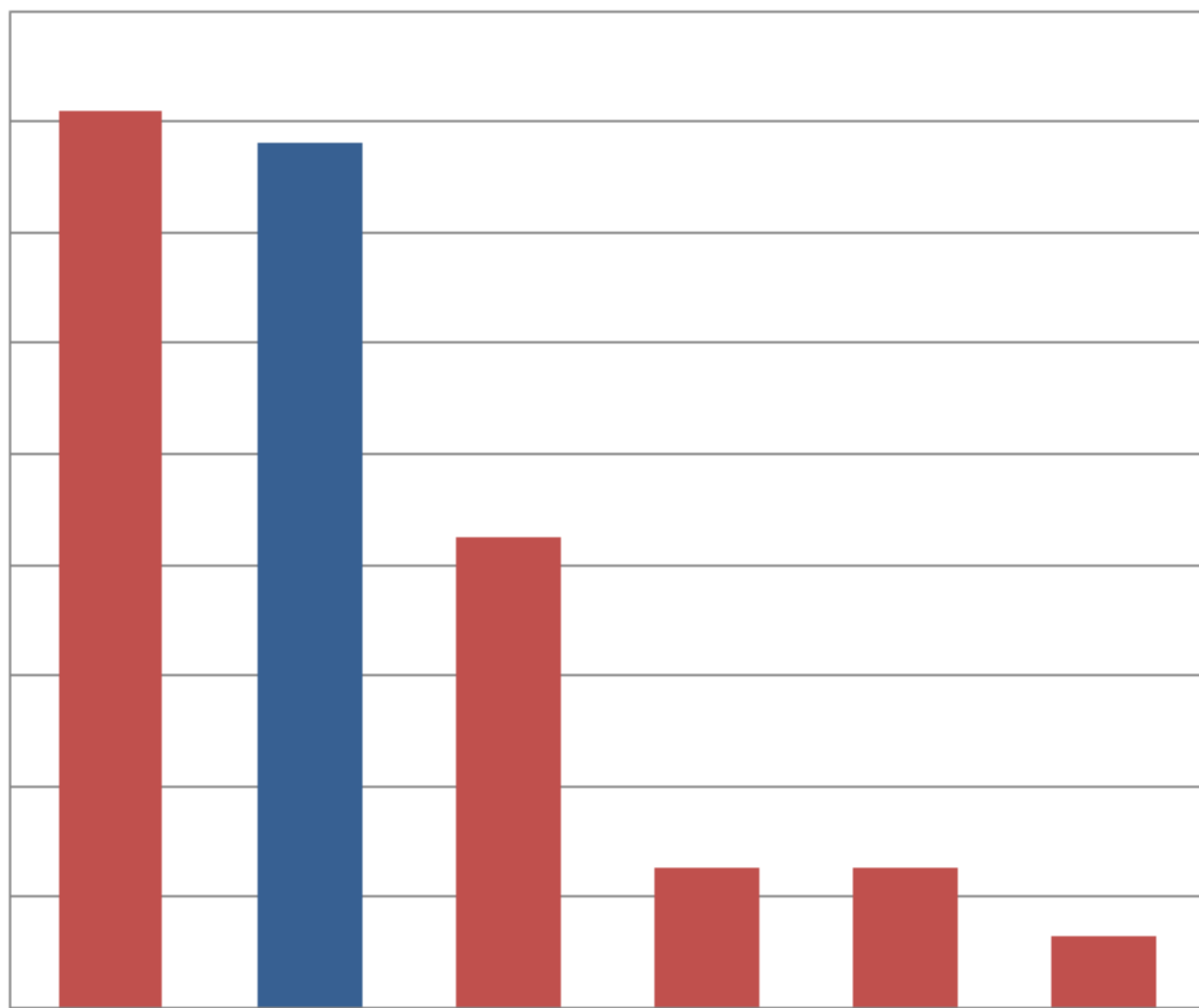
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Indonesia

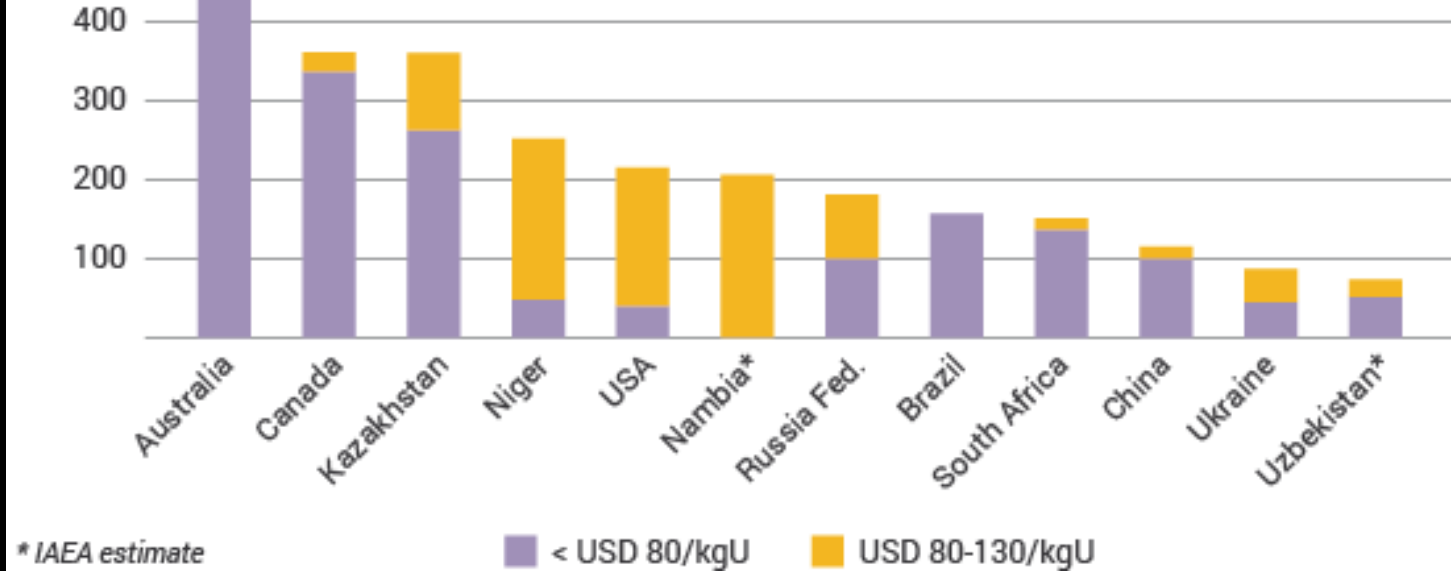
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Russia

South Africa

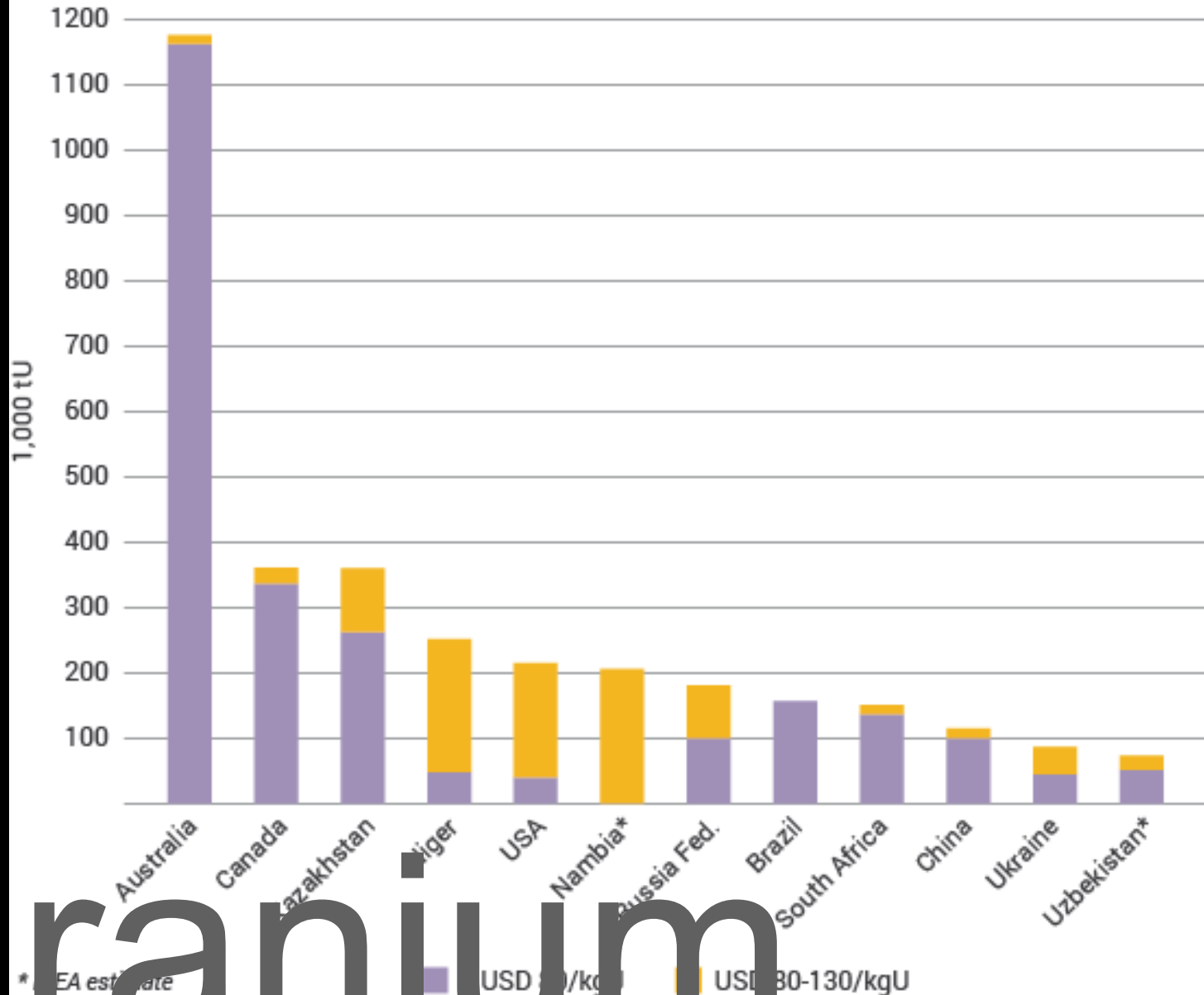
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Canada



Uranium

Reasonably Assured Resources of Uranium in 2009

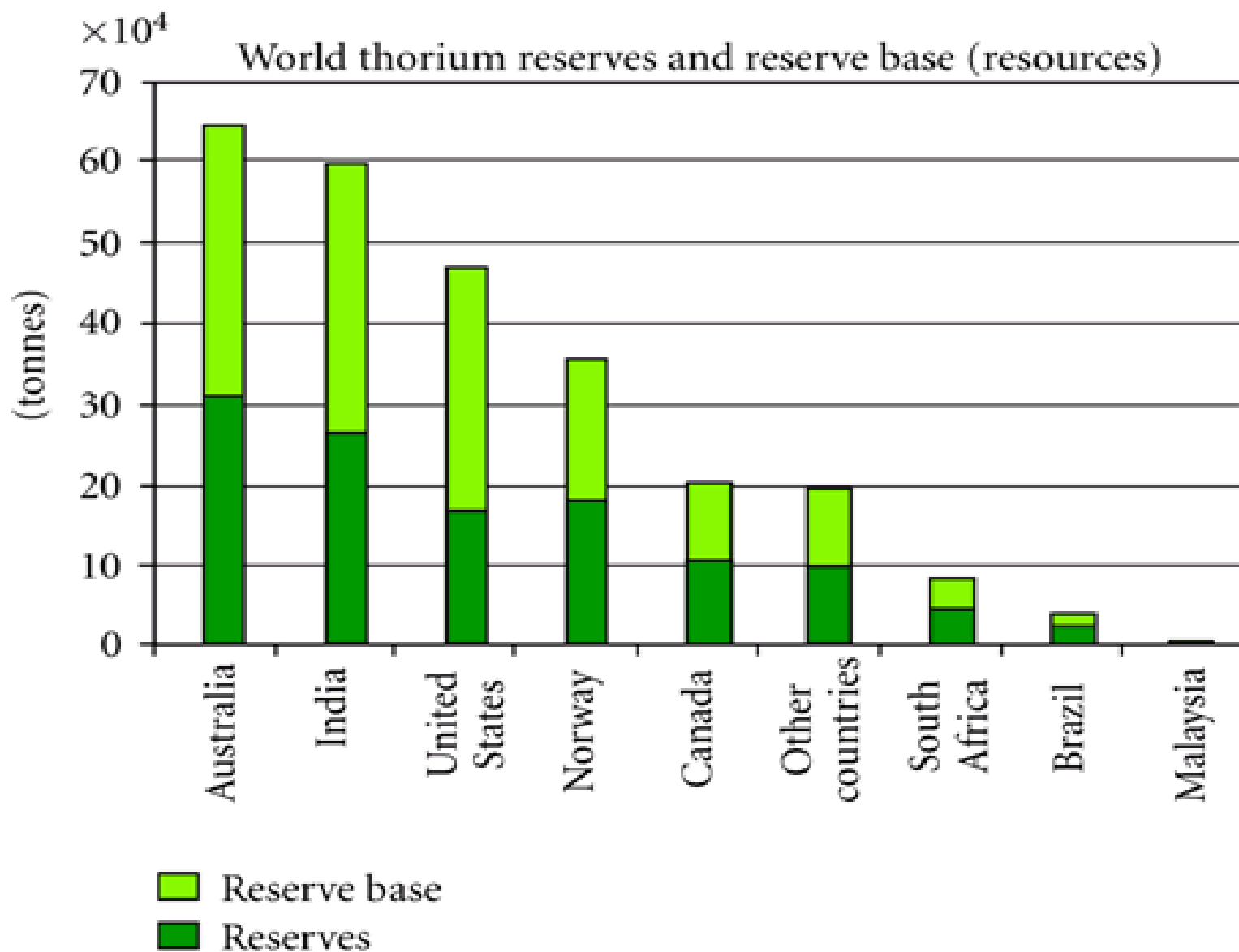


* IAEA estimate

USD 30/kgU

USD 80-130/kgU

Uranium



Thorium

Is Australia really
succeeding?

REAL ELECTRICITY PRICES - AUSTRALIA

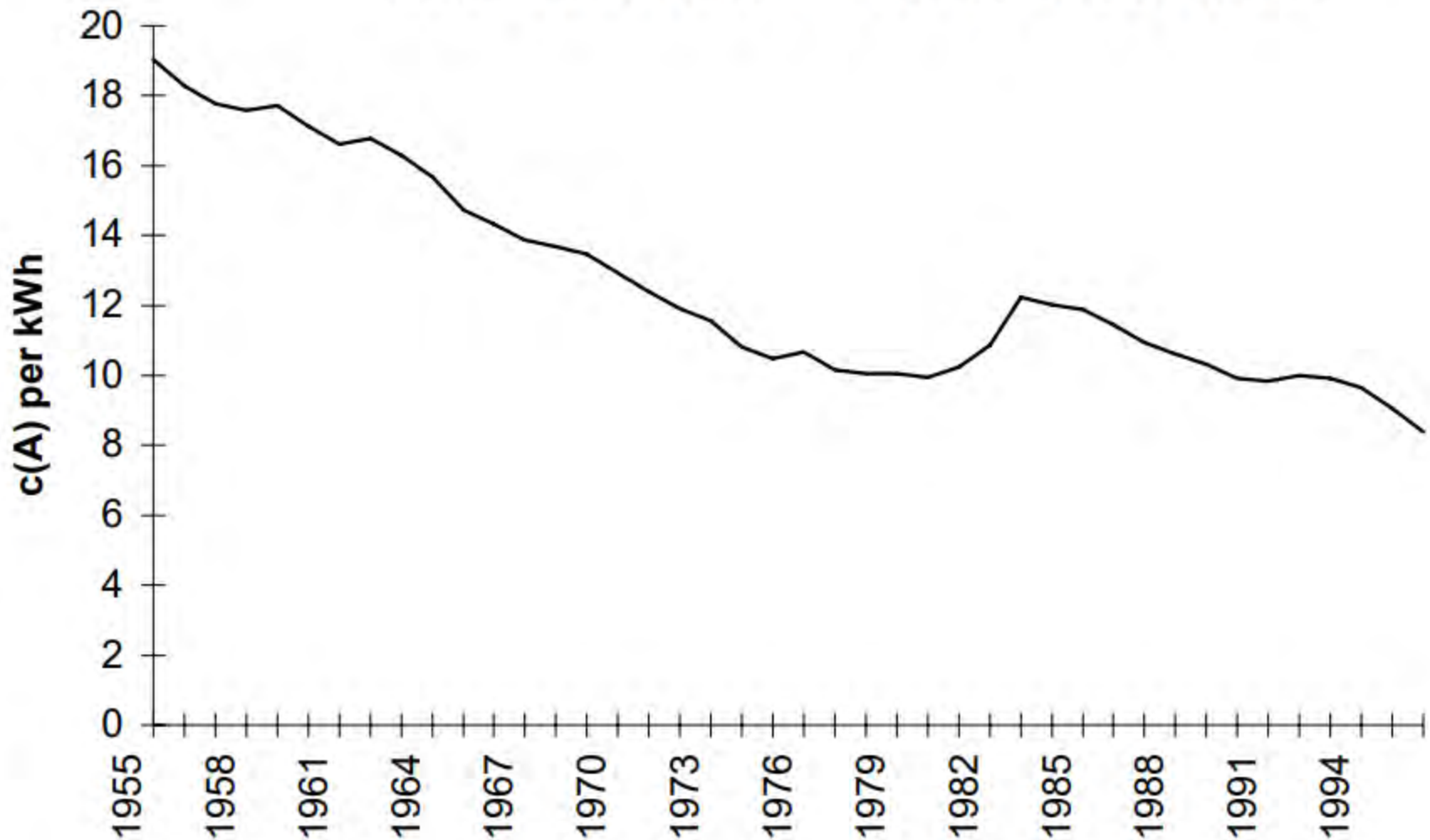
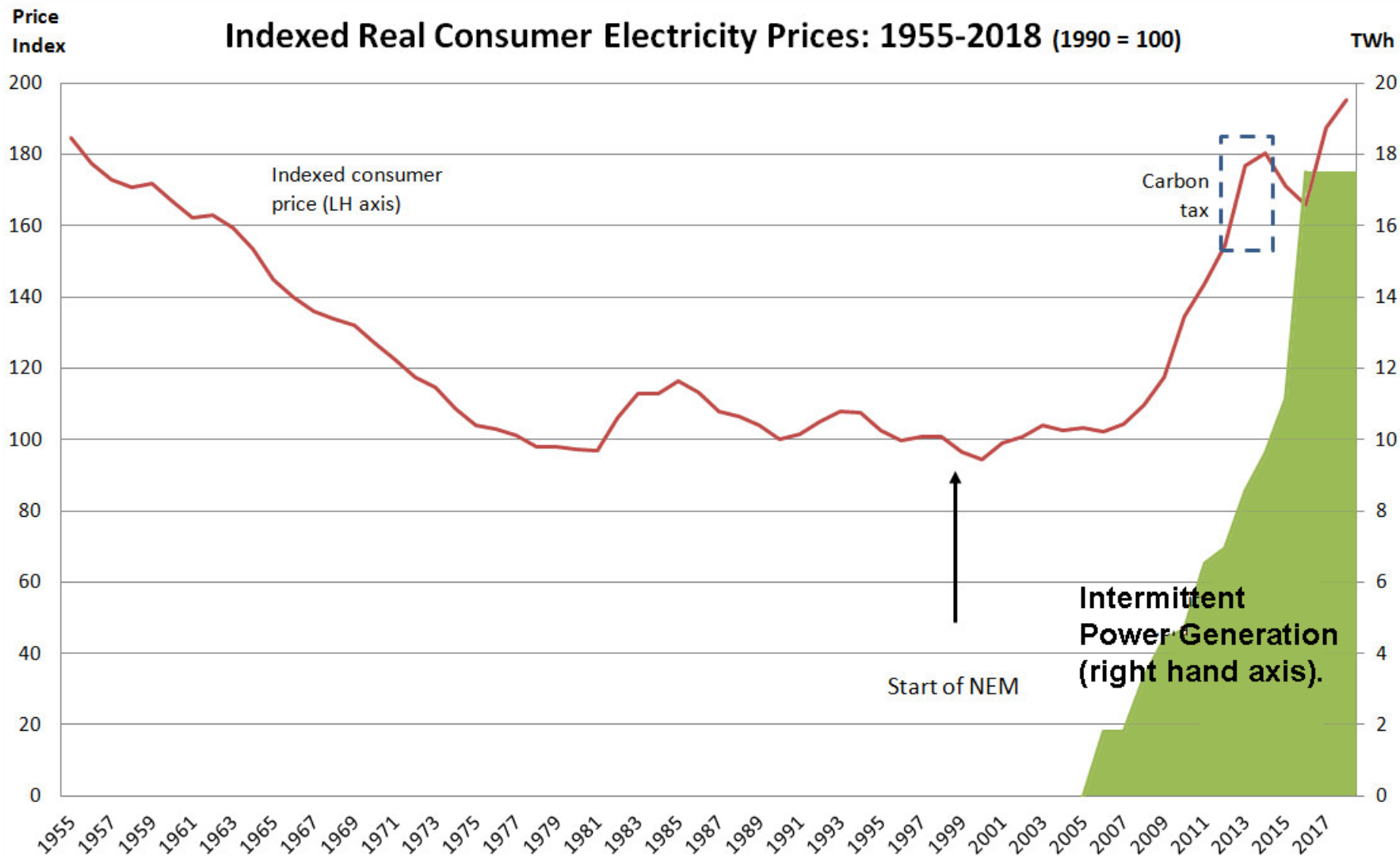


Fig 4 Price movement in Real terms - average selling price - cents (A) per kWh

Indexed Real Consumer Electricity Prices: 1955-2018 (1990 = 100)



Sources

Prices 1955 - 1980: *Electricity in Australia*, prepared for CIGRE by Frank Brady AM (former CEO, Electricity Commission of NSW), 1996

1980 - 2016: ABS 6401.0 Consumer Price Index

2017 - 2018: Adjustment (15% nominal increase) to take account of price increases announced by major elect distributors in June 2016

Intermittent power generation (Terra Watt hours, TWh) from Figure 4.2 in *Independent Review into the Future of the National Electricity Market*

Original: Dr Michael Crawford

Industrial average prices for 1995, compared with other OECD countries are shown in Fig 6.

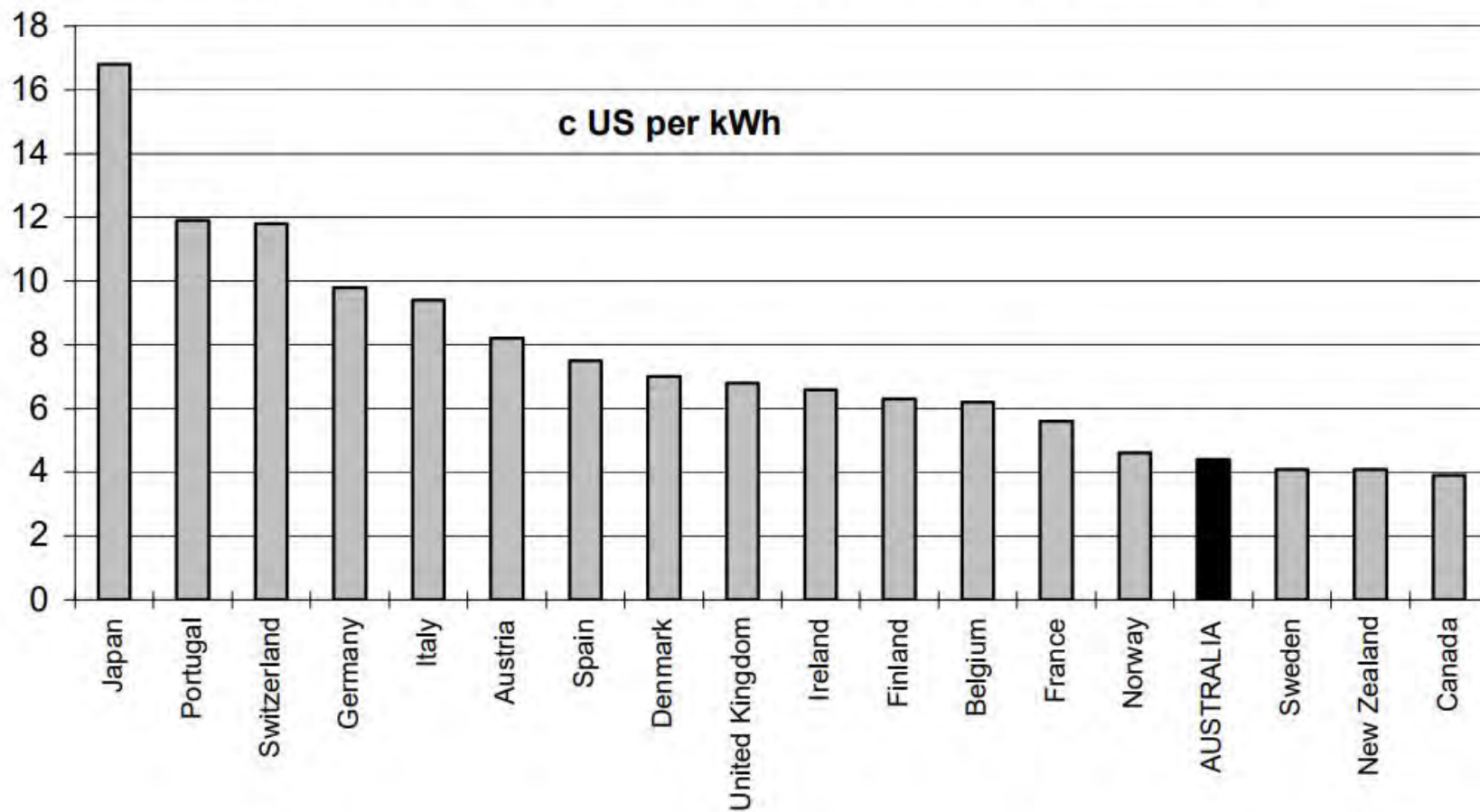
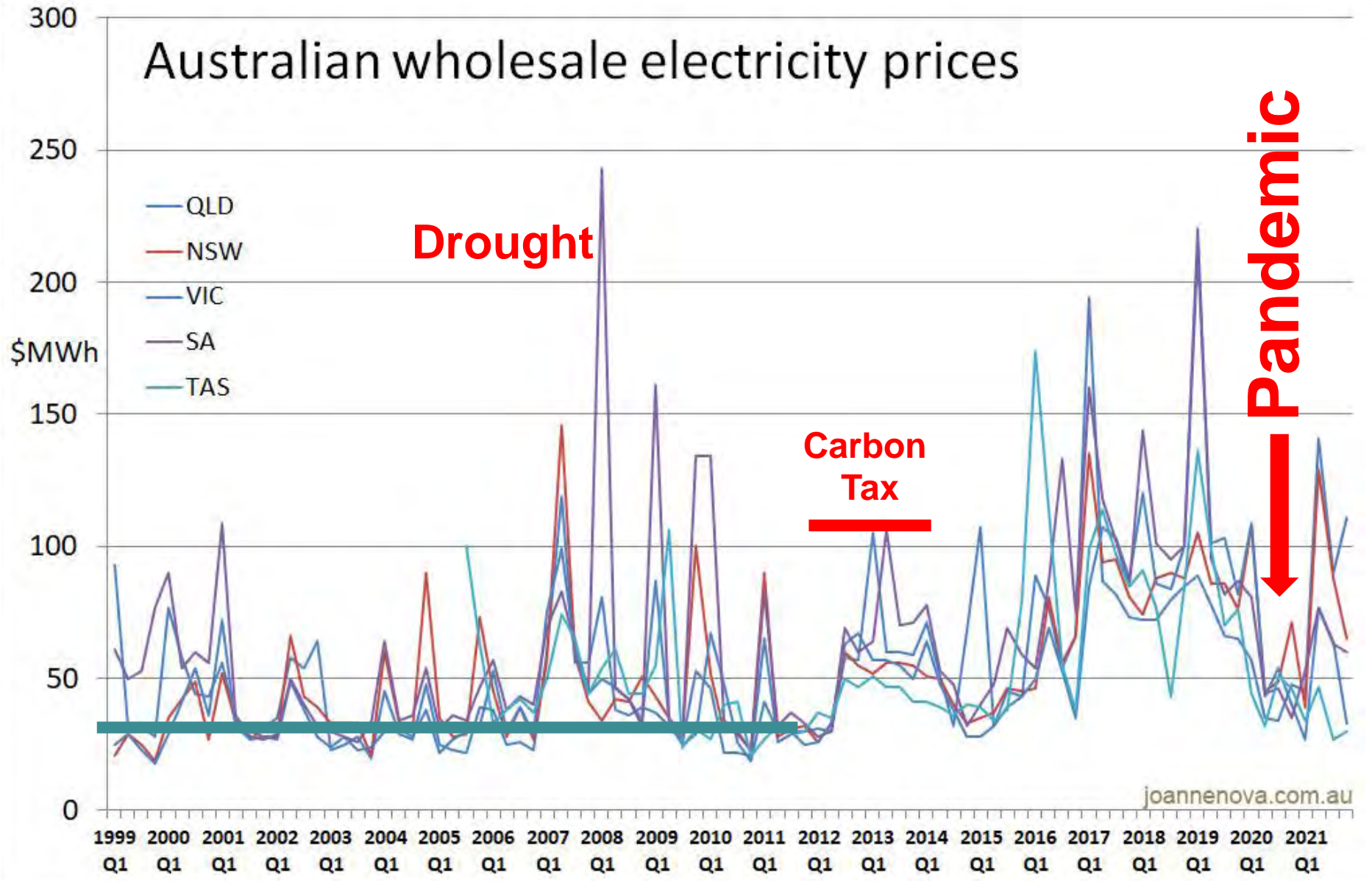
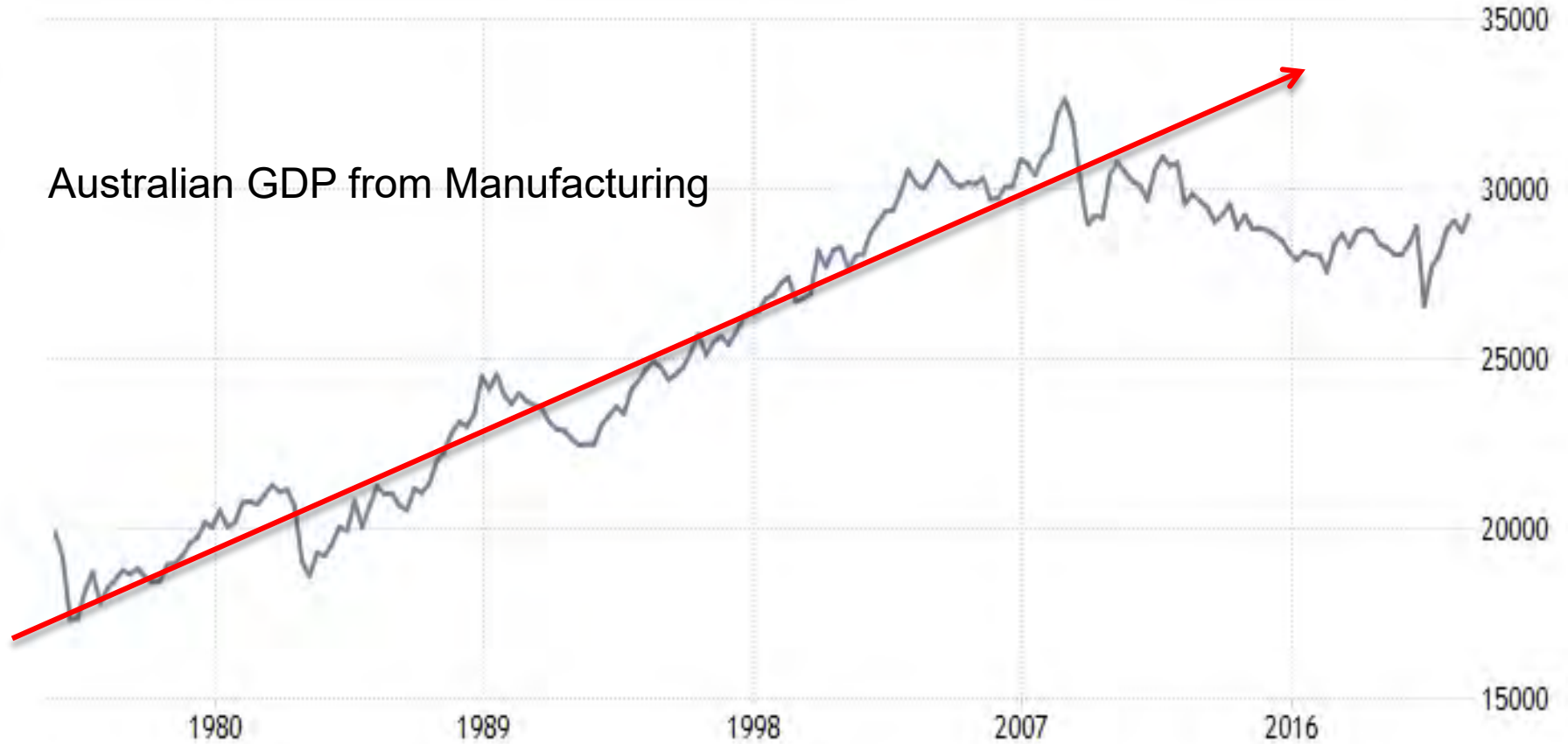


Fig 5 Industrial average prices, OECD countries 1995

Australian wholesale electricity prices



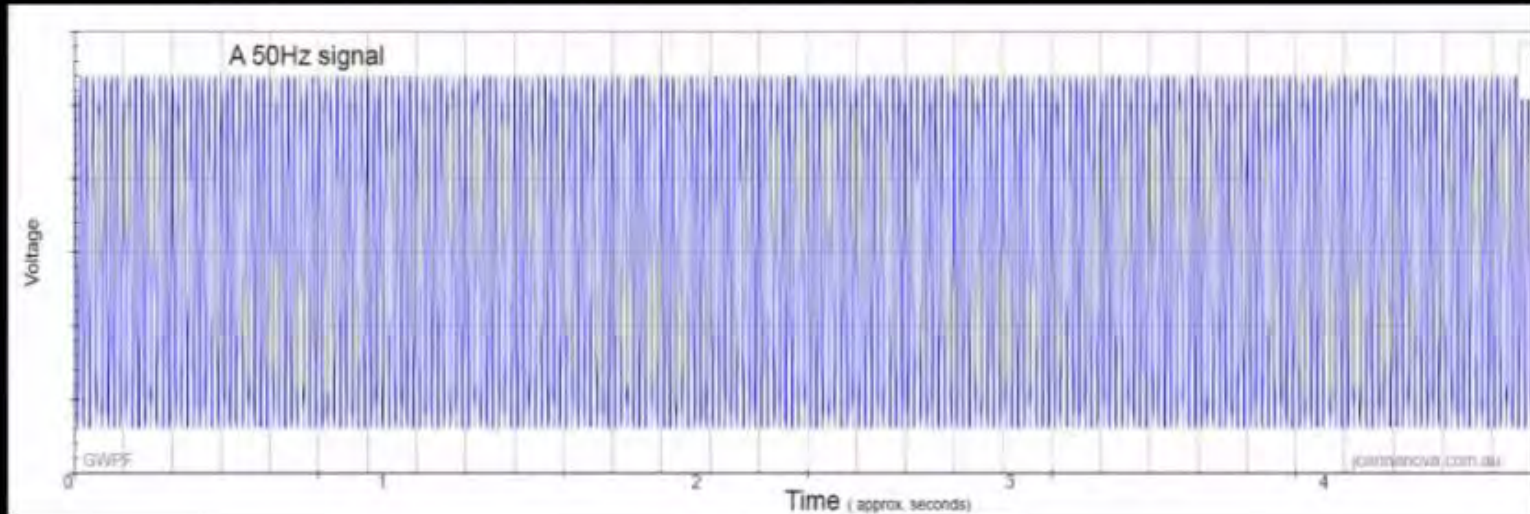
Australian GDP from Manufacturing



To wreck a grid we
really need to
understand it



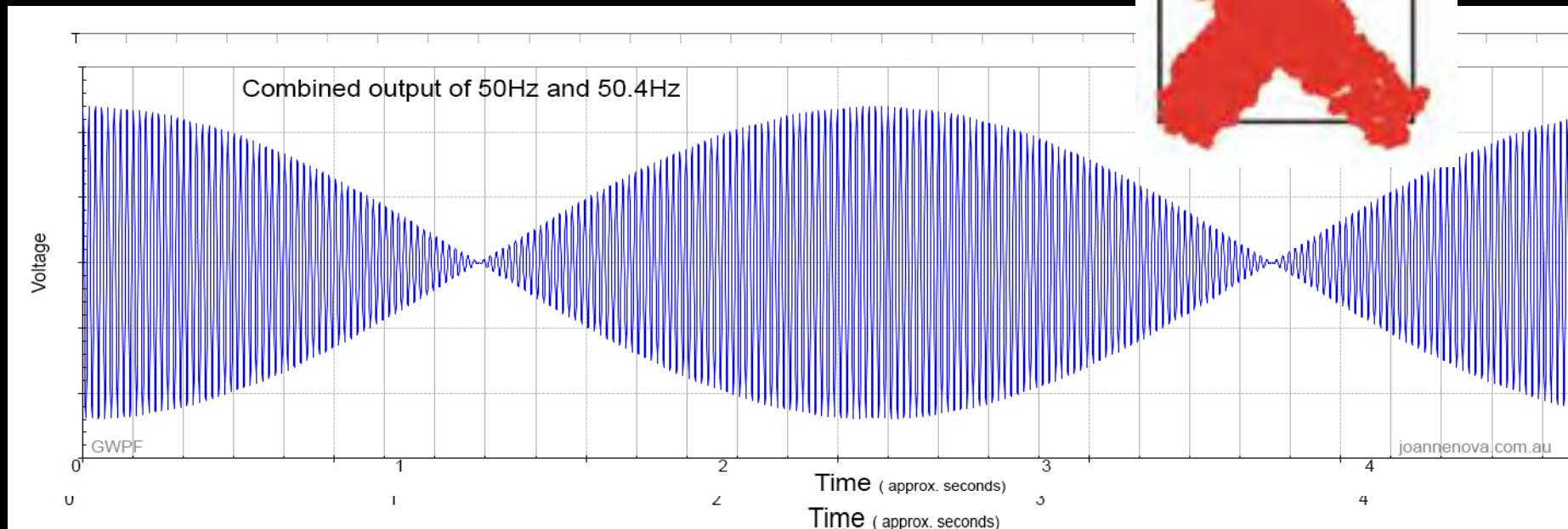
50Hz + 50.4Hz



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49.85 – 50.15 Hz

50Hz + 50.4Hz



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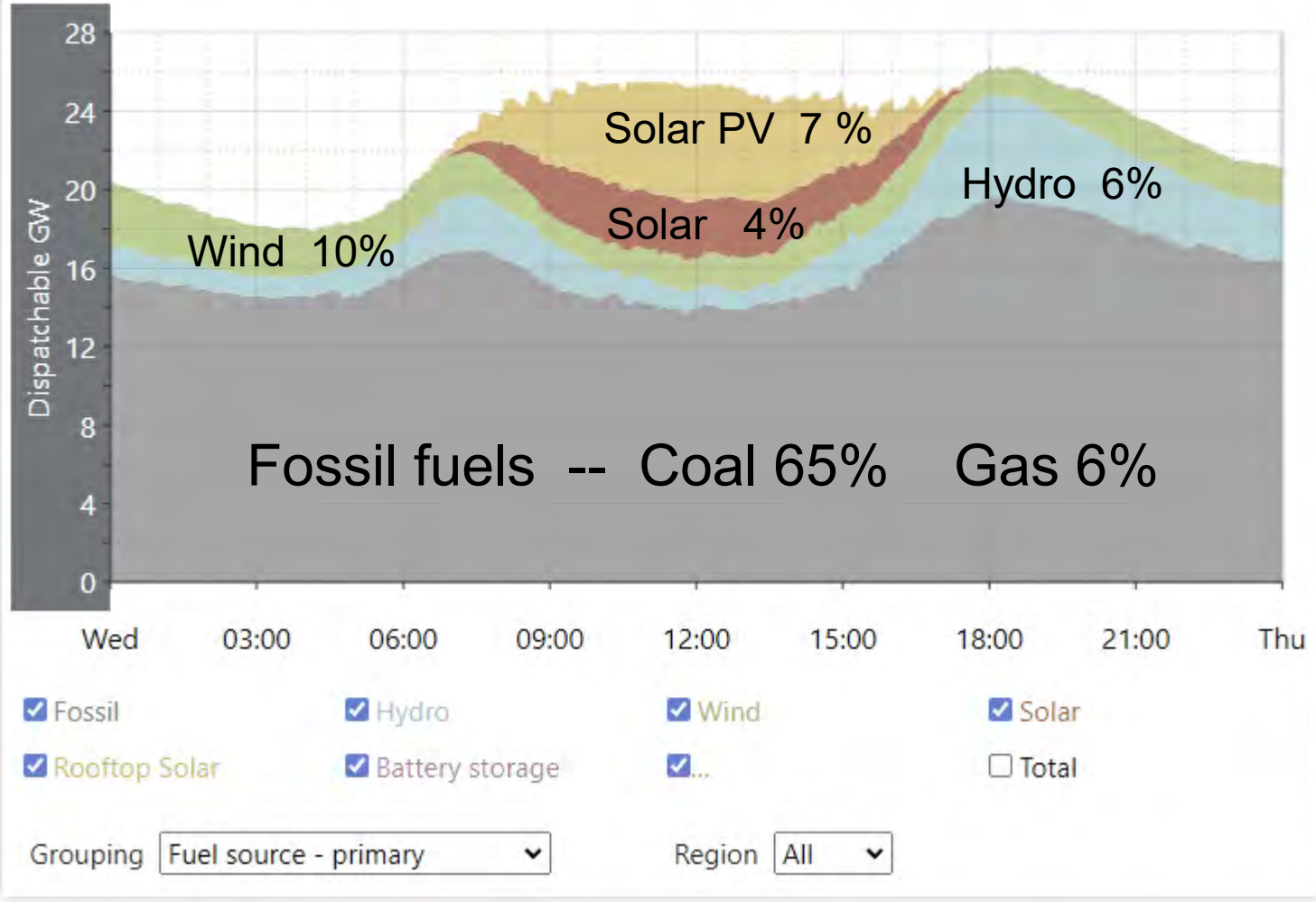
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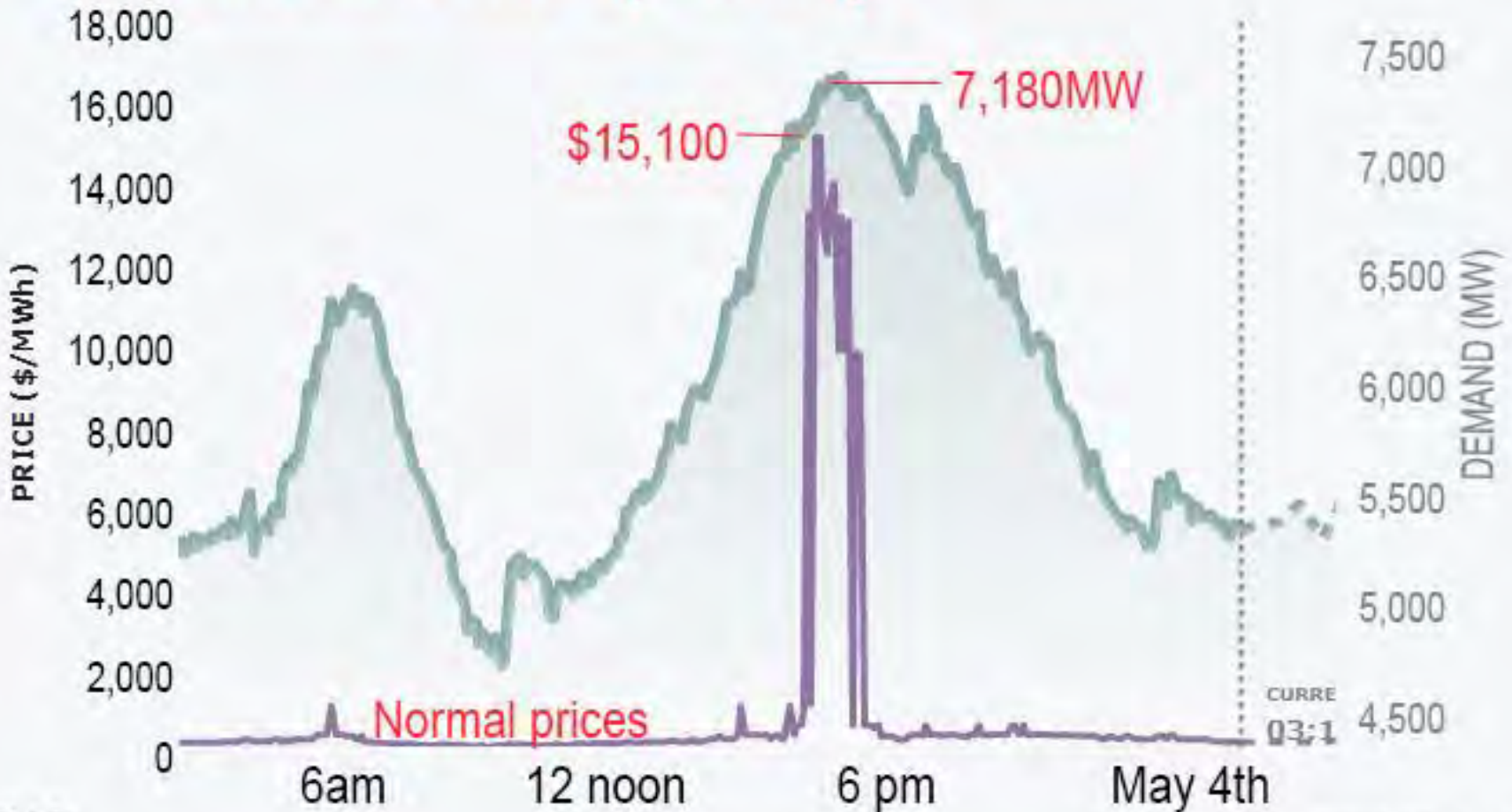


USC 1000MW unit at Shanghai Waigaoqiao III Power Plan

Energy Production by Source During 4 May 2022

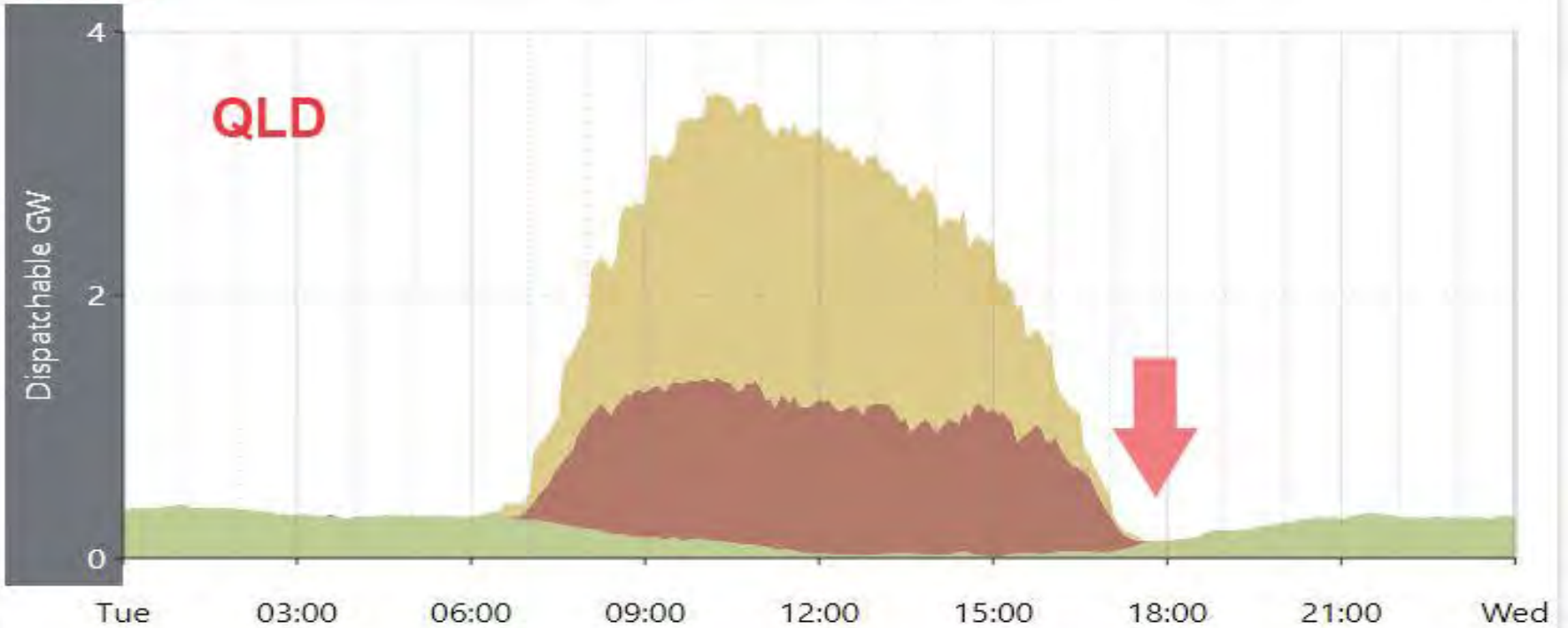


Queensland Price Spike May 3



Energy Production by Source During 3 May 2022

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- Black Coal
- Solar
- Waste Coal Mine Gas
- Natural Gas
- Rooftop Solar
- Bagasse
- Water
- Coal Seam Methane
- Total
- Wind
- Kerosene

Grouping

Region

joannenova.com.au

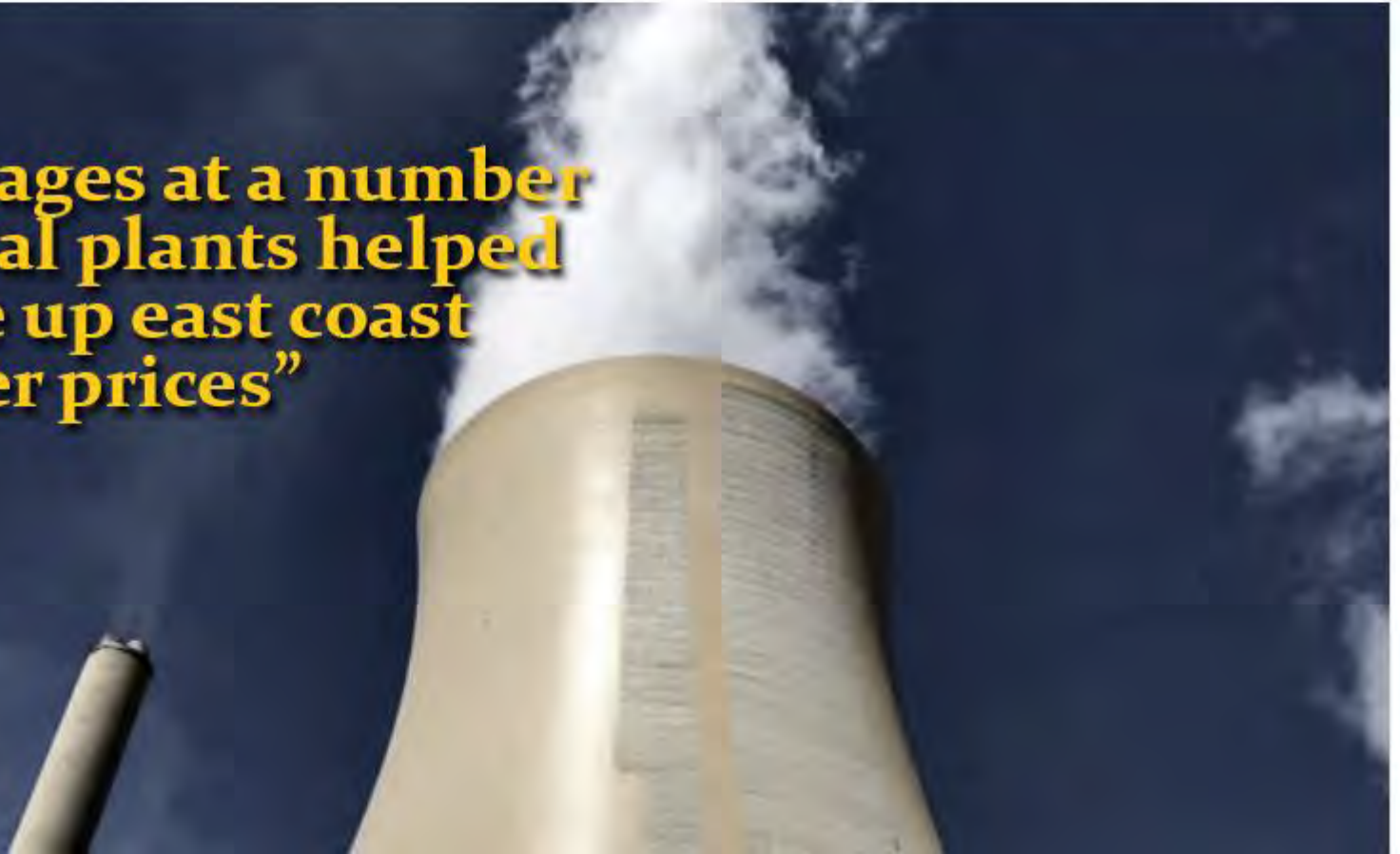
Wholesale power prices soared 141 per cent, year on year, and households should brace for more

By energy reporter Daniel Mercer

Posted 19h ago, updated 10h ago

ABC NEWS

“Outages at a number of coal plants helped drive up east coast power prices”



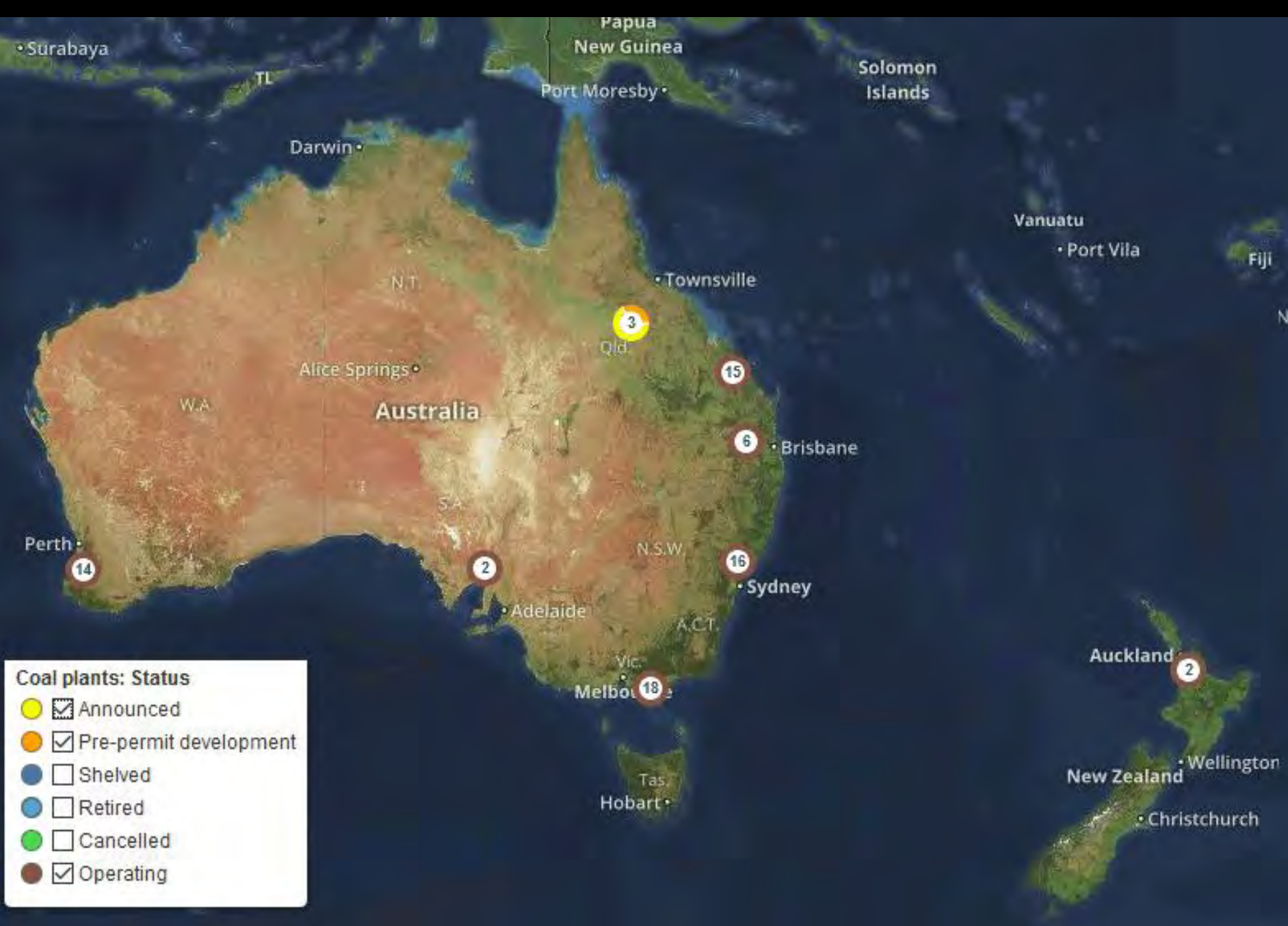
Step 1:

- Take that industrial infrastructure and repurpose it...



Coal Fired Plant

Global Climate Controller



Coal plants: Status

- Announced
- Pre-permit development
- Shelved
- Retired
- Cancelled
- Operating

Papua
New Guinea

Solomon
Islands

Vanuatu
• Port Vila

Fiji
Nu

• Surabaya

TL

Port Moresby •

Darwin •

N.T.

• Townsville

Qld.

Alice Springs •

W.A.

Australia

15

6

• Brisbane

Perth •

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• Adelaide

N.S.W.

16

• Sydney

Vic.

Melbo 18

A.C.T.

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Hobart •

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New Zealand • Wellington

• Christchurch





Better generators





Step 2

- Centralized control



1900 Trams on King St

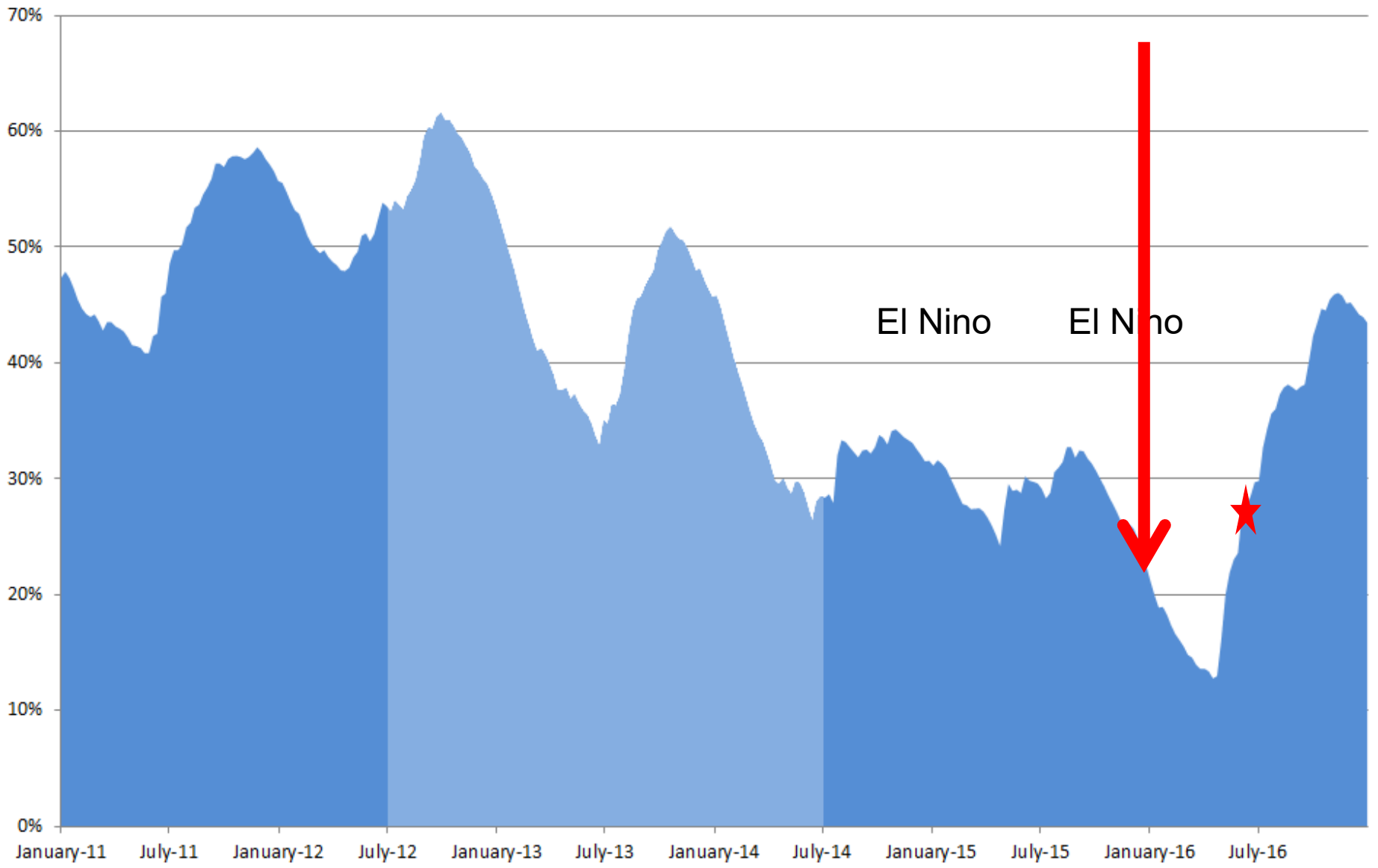




- Tamer Valley gas station

Built in 2009:
\$230 m



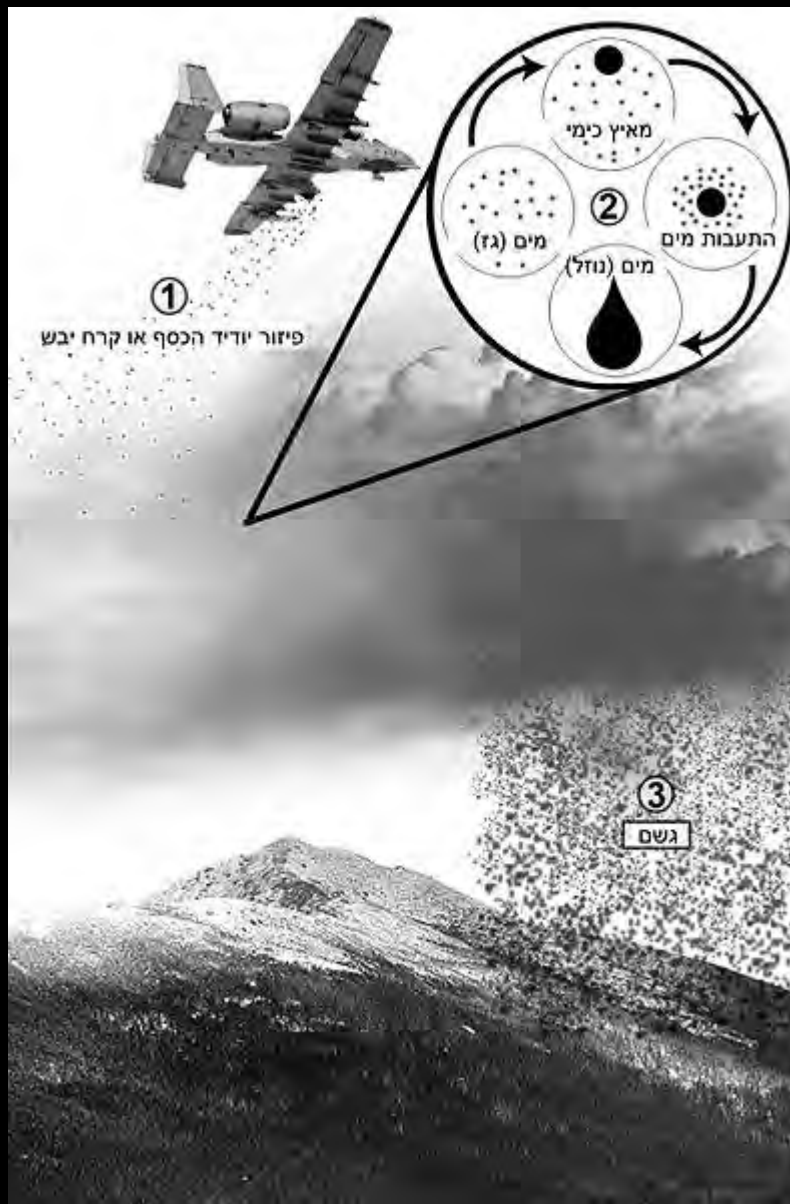








Picture: Jakob De Zwart



Step 3

Ministry of Truth

“Renewables *are* cheap”

“CO₂ is pollution”

Sell it as a done deal

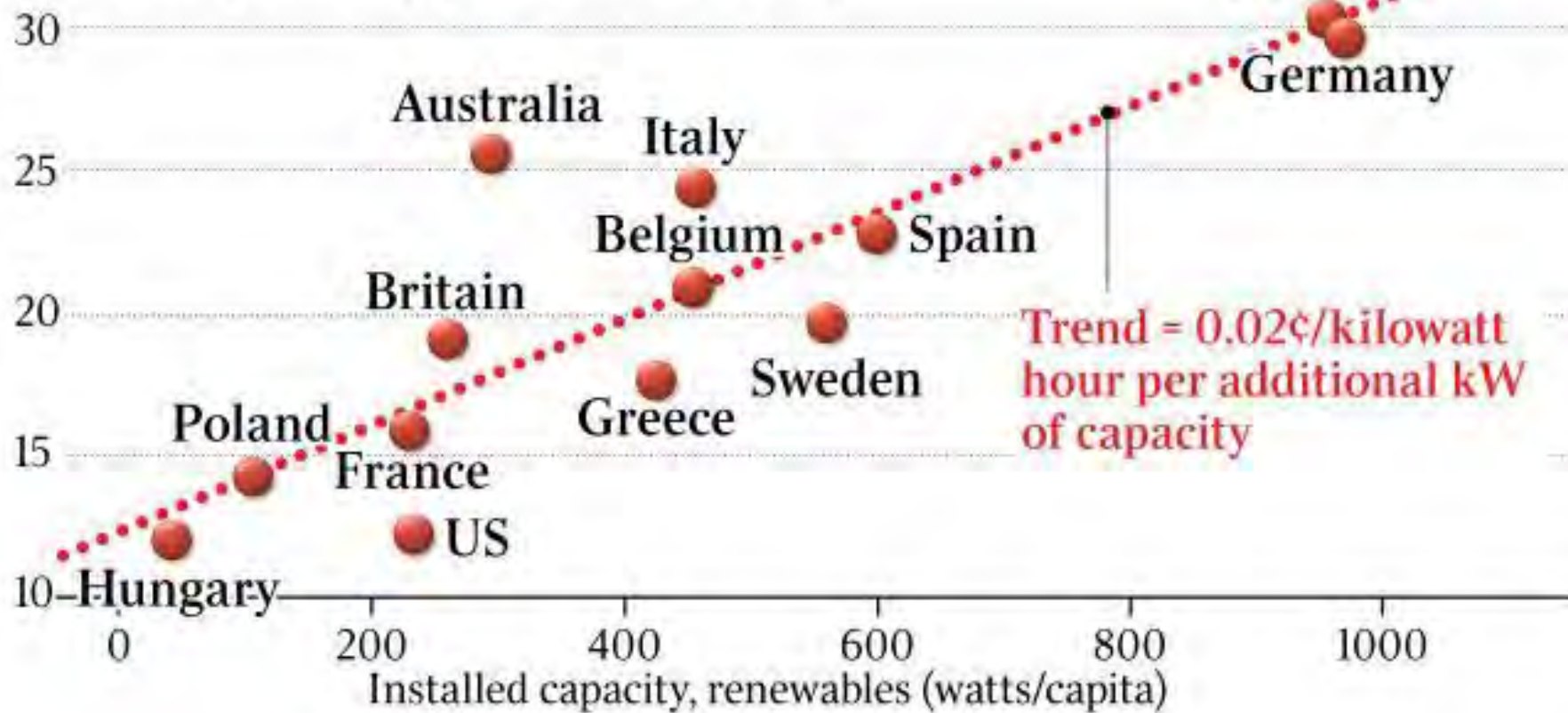
“...technology has changed, and resisting this change is a little like trying to resist the internet.”



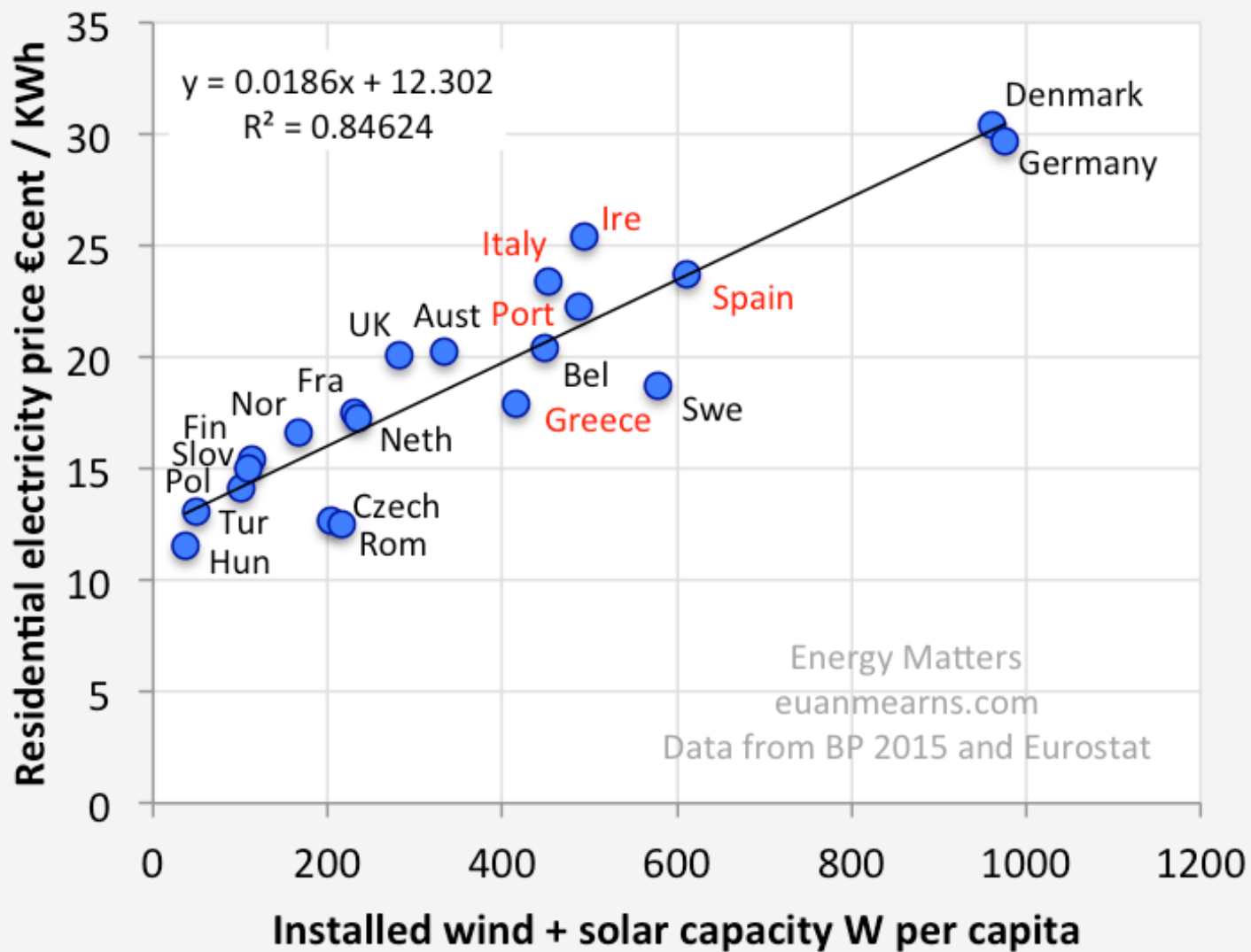
Audrey Zibelman
CEO -- AEMO

OUT OF LINE ON RENEWABLES

Electricity costs (¢ per kilowatt hour)



Europe Electricity Price v Installed Wind + Solar Capacity



Energy Matters
euanmearns.com

Data from BP 2015 and Eurostat

No hydro power
No Biomass

Flinders Island

- Diesel
- In the “Roaring Forties”
- Ideal for tidal energy.
- Average 60% renewables in 2018!
- Sometimes 100% “renewable”
- ...prices “won’t be going down”.



Hide the cost

Cost of blackouts

- South Australia Sept 28th: **\$472 m**
- Tasmania, Basslink Cable : **\$560 m**



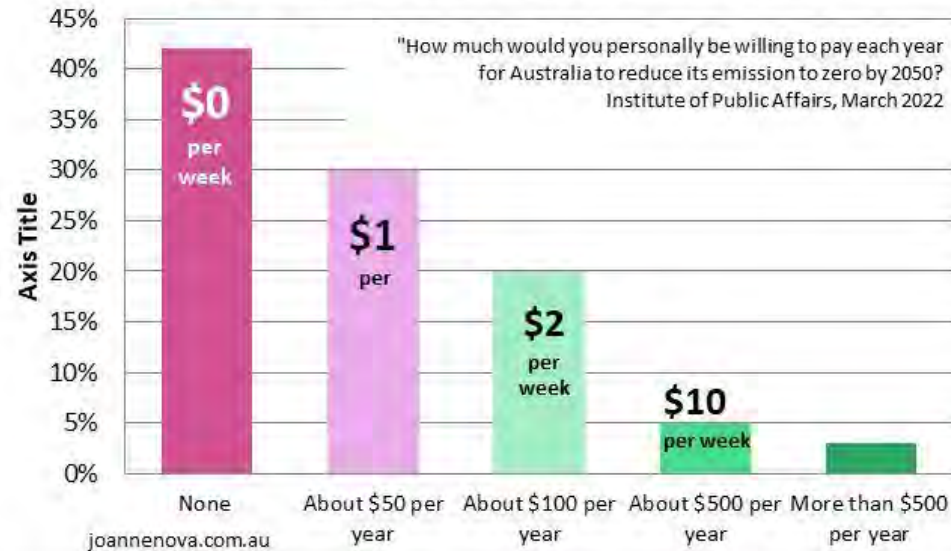
\$1,300
per household

Study by Alan Moran

Commissioned by Senator Malcolm Roberts

70% of
Australians don't
want to pay even \$1
a week for
renewables

**70% of Australians don't even want to
spend \$1 a week to reach Net Zero**



61% of Germans don't want to pay one more euro cent....

42% of US adults don't want to pay even \$1 a month to stop climate change



jonova

Modelling shows real cost of no net-zero carbon emissions



Scott Morrison arrives for Bert Newton's state funeral in Melbourne on Friday. Picture: Daniel Pockett

Businesses and households would have faced interest rate hikes of up to 1.5 per cent under expected penalties imposed by global financiers if the government had failed to adopt net zero emissions by 2050, modelling for the Glasgow climate package shows.

The penalty regime would have sparked a 17 per cent investment collapse by the middle of the next decade, cutting 0.9 per cent from gross domestic product and making each Australian more than \$650 poorer.

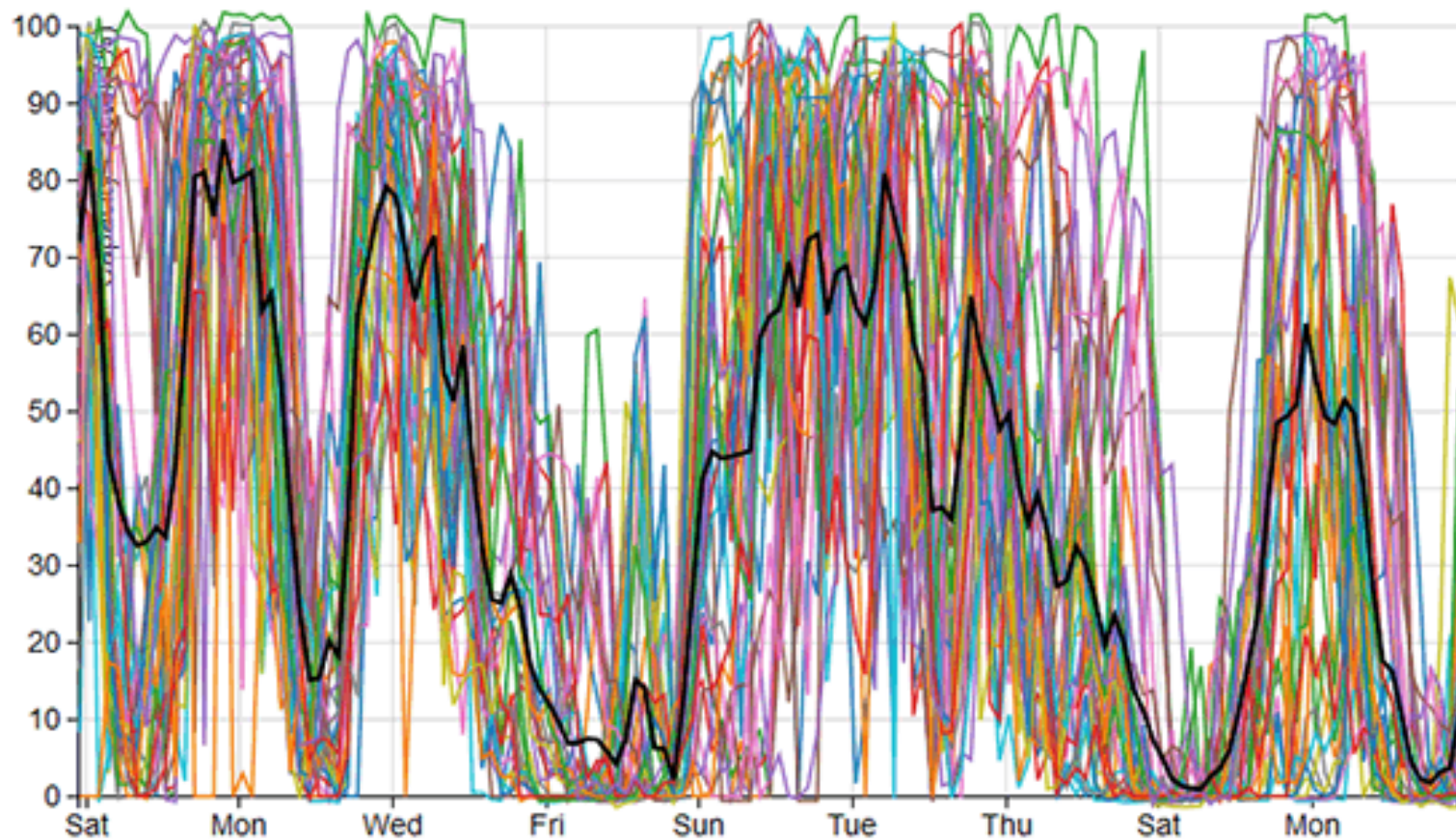
Step 5:

Pick intermittent,
unreliable, and inefficient
ways to do it.

Wind Energy Production During August 2015

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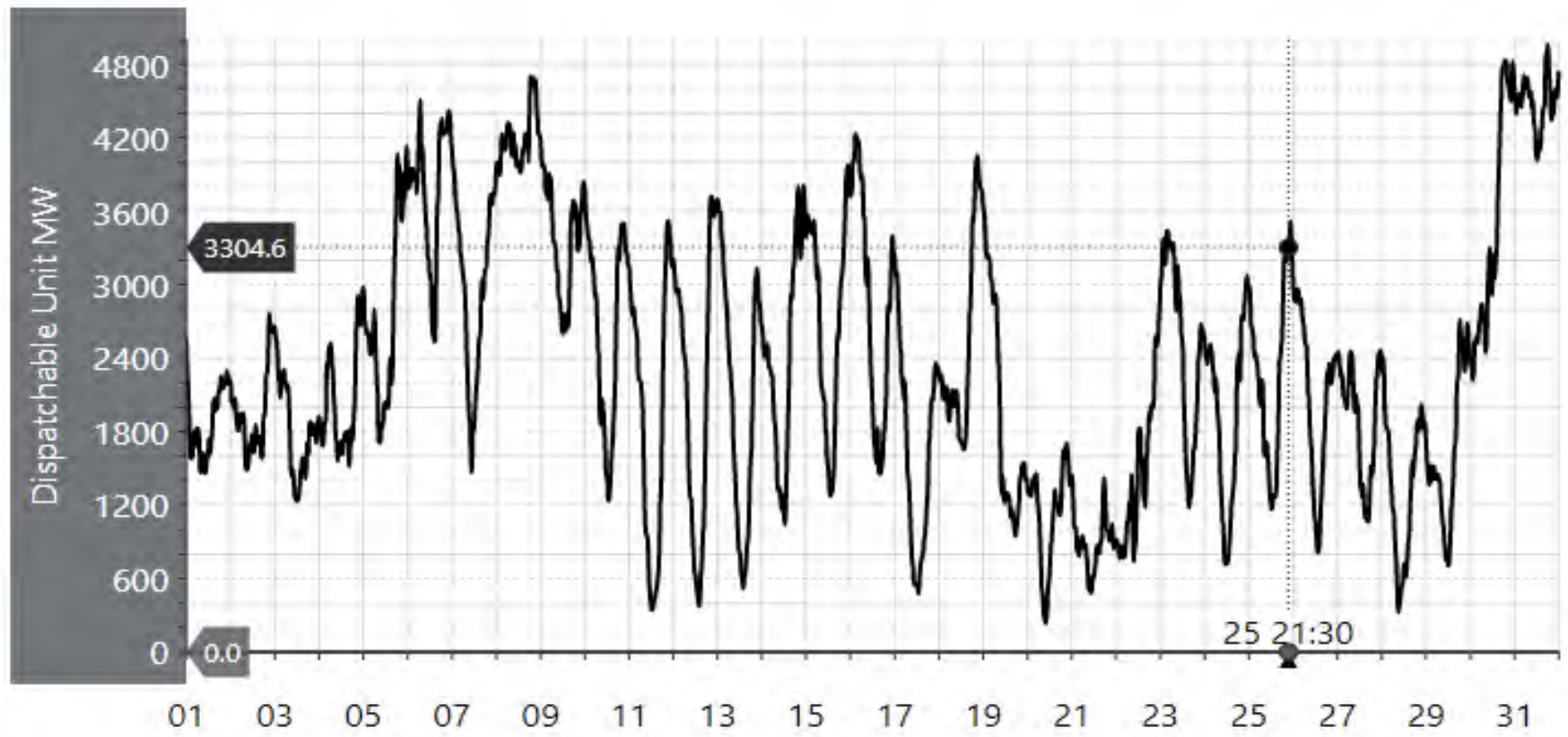
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Wind Energy Production During March 2022

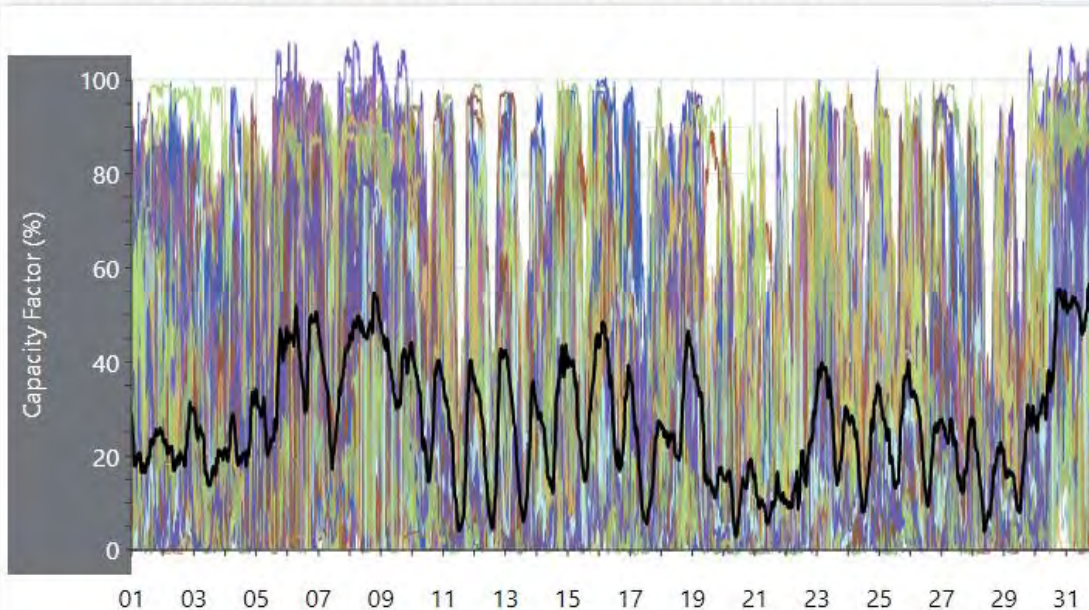
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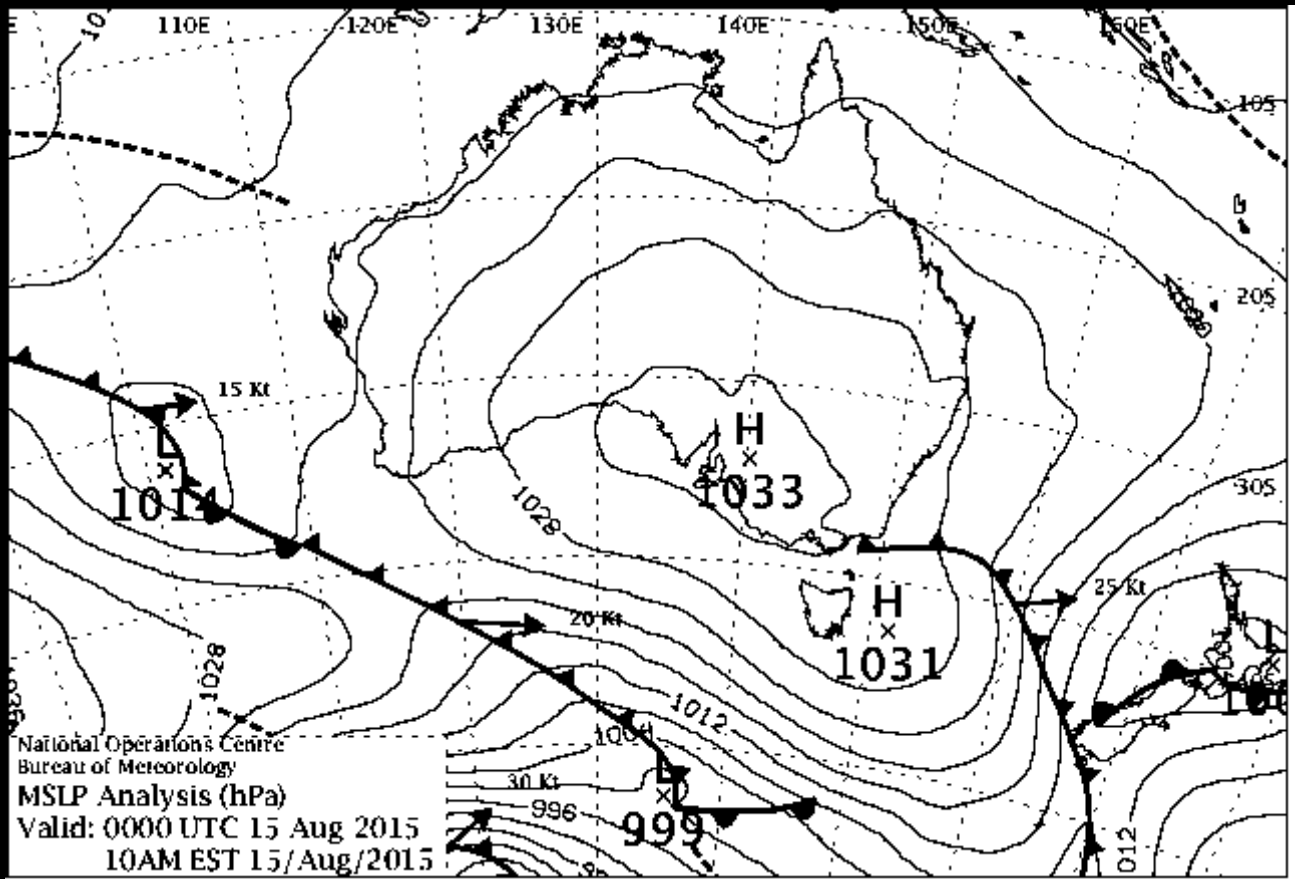
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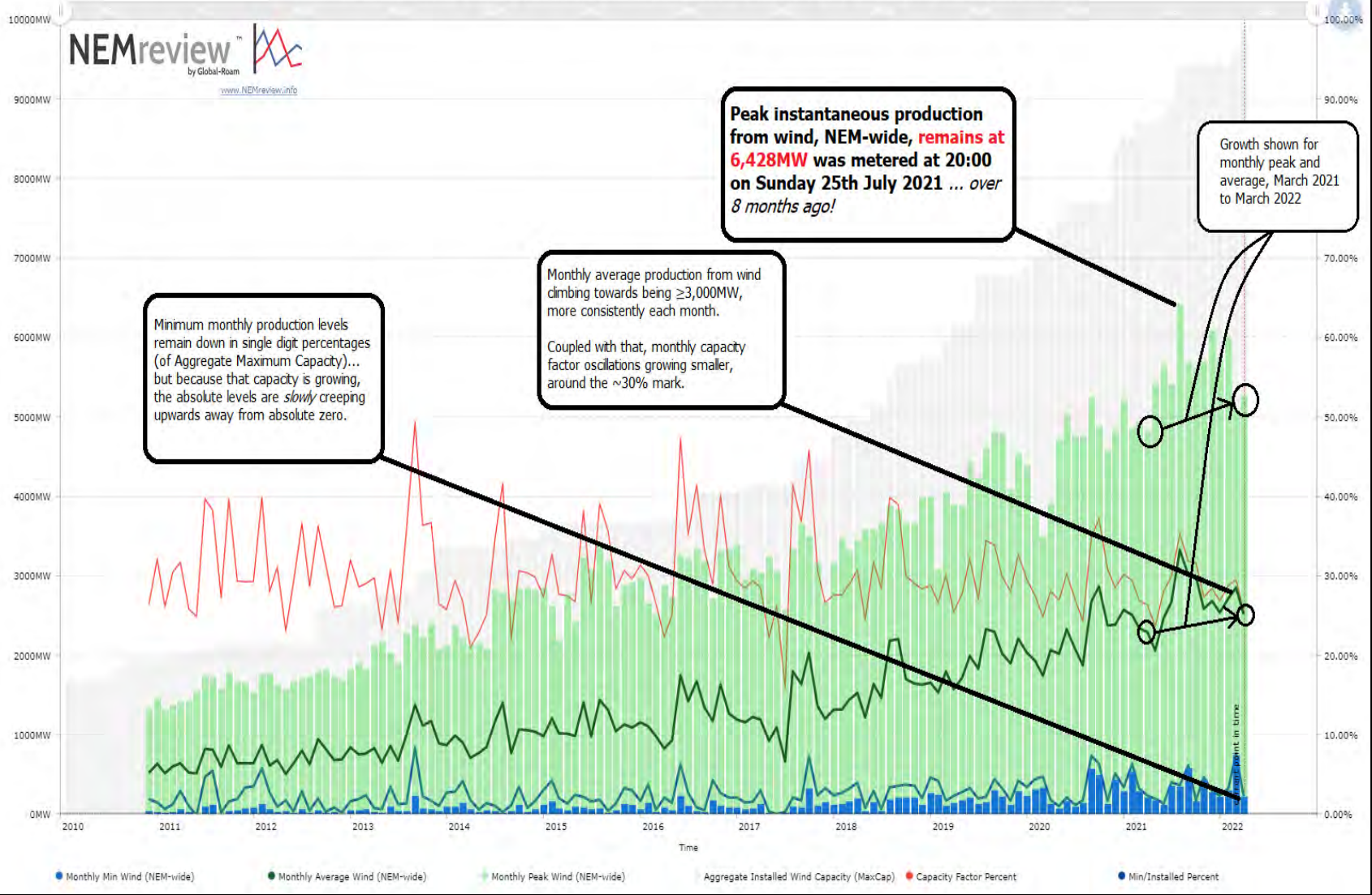
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- Australian synoptic chart, August 15th, 2015.



Minimum monthly production levels remain down in single digit percentages (of Aggregate Maximum Capacity)... but because that capacity is growing, the absolute levels are *slowly* creeping upwards away from absolute zero.

Monthly average production from wind climbing towards being $\geq 3,000\text{MW}$, more consistently each month.
Coupled with that, monthly capacity factor oscillations growing smaller, around the $\sim 30\%$ mark.

Peak instantaneous production from wind, NEM-wide, remains at **6,428MW** was metered at 20:00 on Sunday 25th July 2021 ... over 8 months ago!

Growth shown for monthly peak and average, March 2021 to March 2022

● Monthly Min Wind (NEM-wide)
 ● Monthly Average Wind (NEM-wide)
 ■ Monthly Peak Wind (NEM-wide)
 ■ Aggregate Installed Wind Capacity (MaxCap)
 ● Capacity Factor Percent
 ● Min/Installed Percent

Small generators
are fragile



Source: Australian Energy Regulator www.aer.gov.au

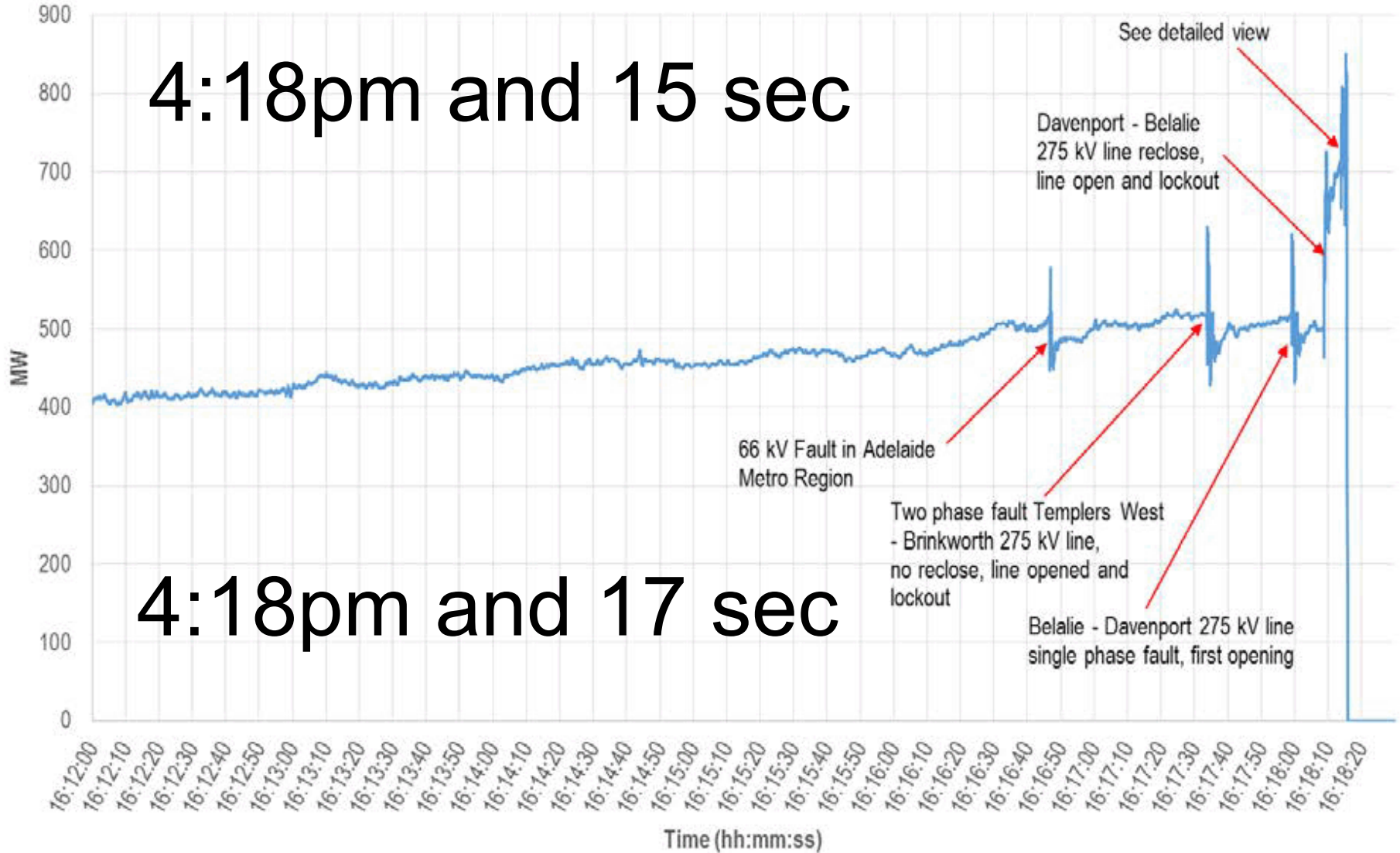
Olympic dam



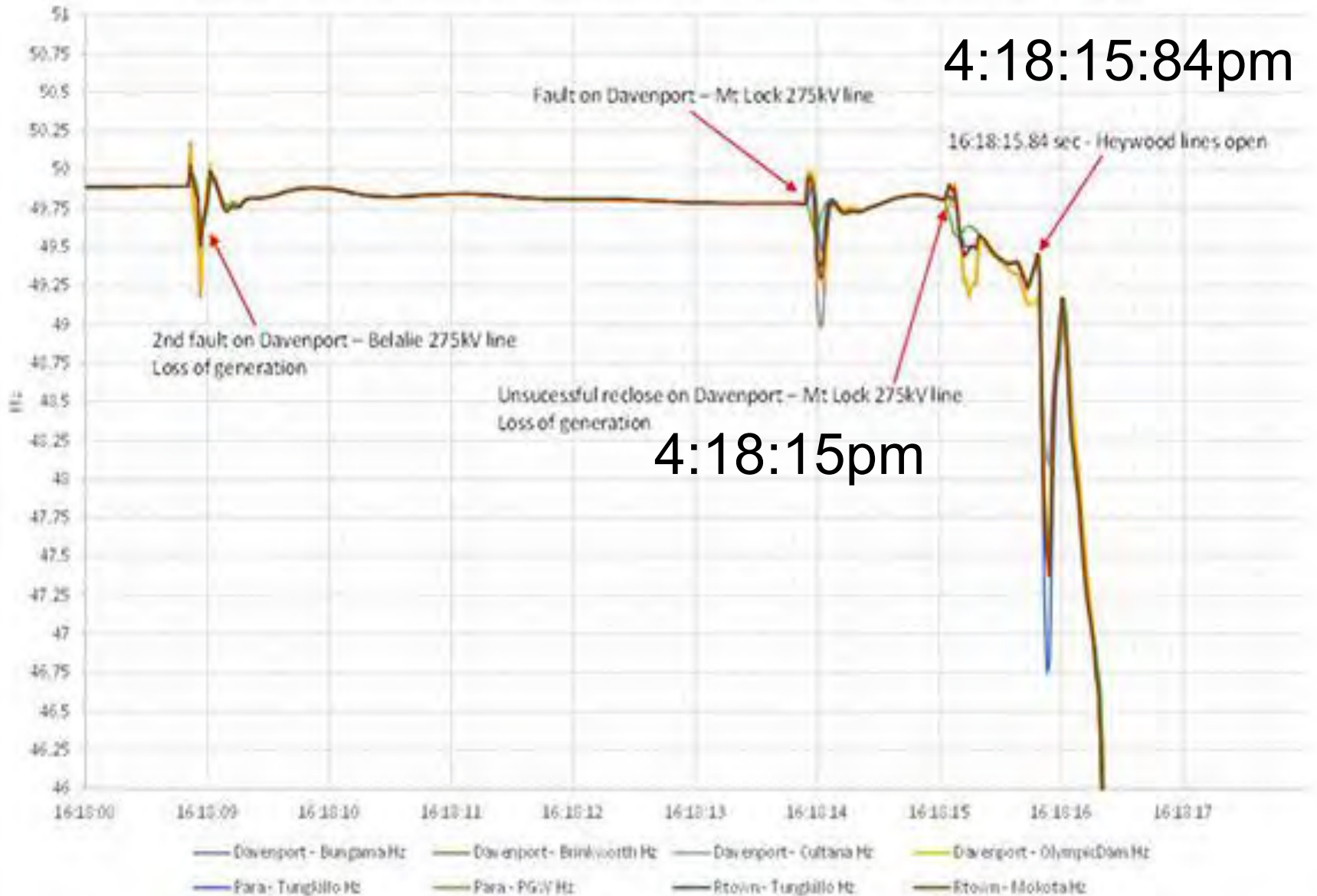
Heywood Separation 28/9/16 16:18 AEST
HYTS - SESS Line MW Flow

4:18pm and 15 sec

4:18pm and 17 sec

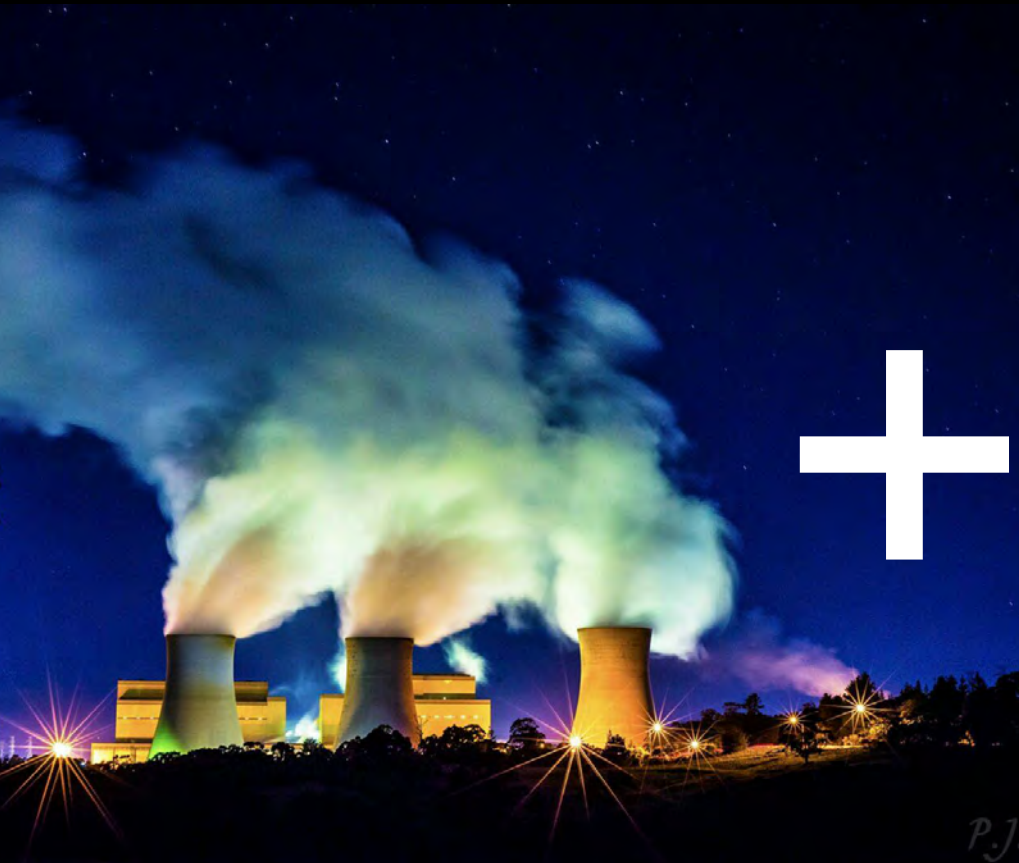


SA Frequency - Davenport / Robertstown / Para Disturbance Recorders - 28/9/16 - 16:18



Step 6:

- Cripple the free market.



P.J.

Yallourn Coal plant, Victoria
Phillip Jessop

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TECH

A coal-fired Hunter Valley power station could be brought back online to provide cheap power for cryptocurrency miners

Peter Farquhar Apr. 10, 2018, 4:14 PM

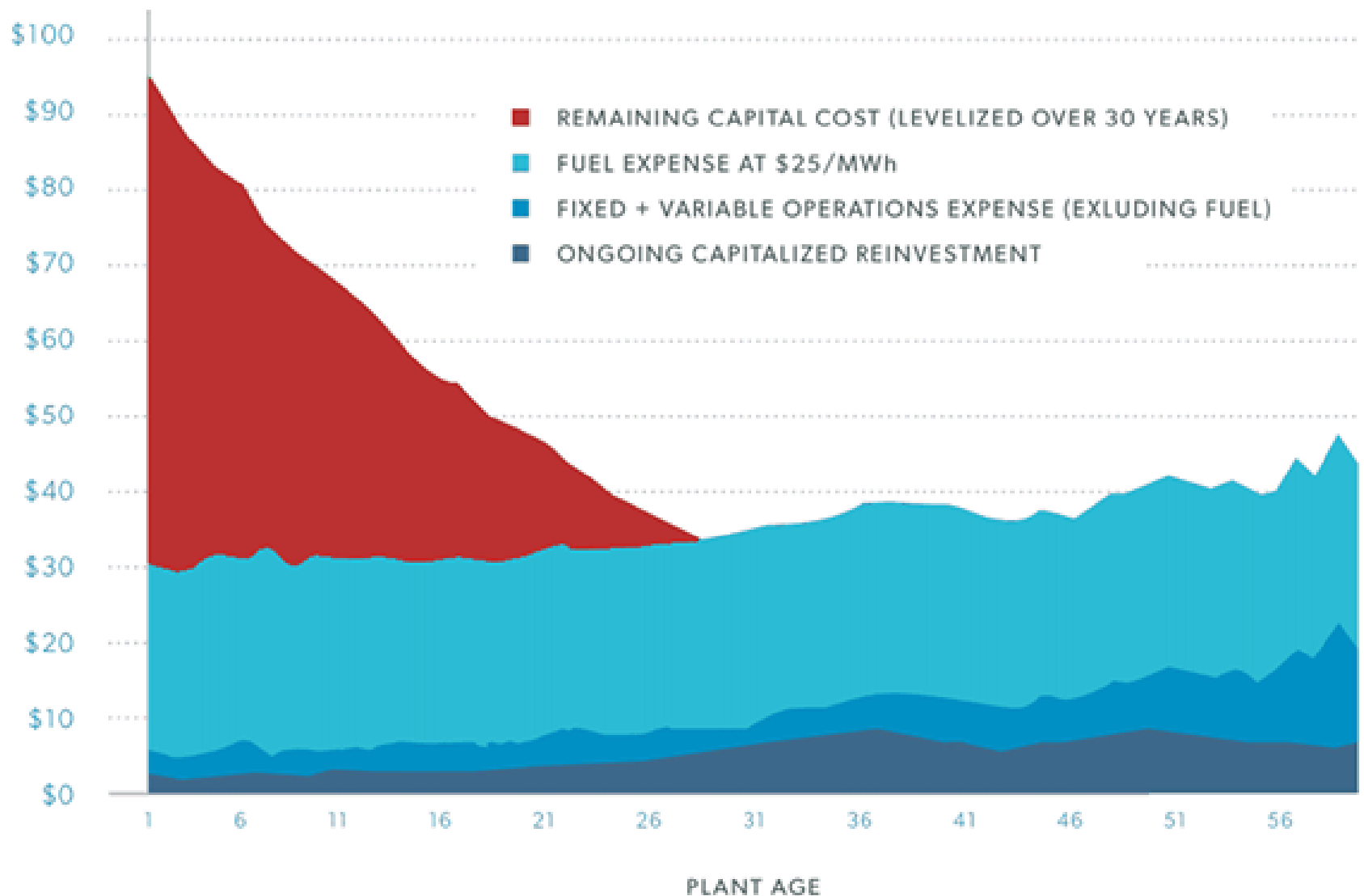


Hunter Valley power can be cheap. Picture: Getty Images

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- Hunter Energy proposing to recommission Redbank station over the next 12 months.
- IOT Group signs agreement to develop Blockchain Application

LCOE FROM COAL IN 2012 \$/MWh BY PLANT AGE 30 YEAR OUTLOOK



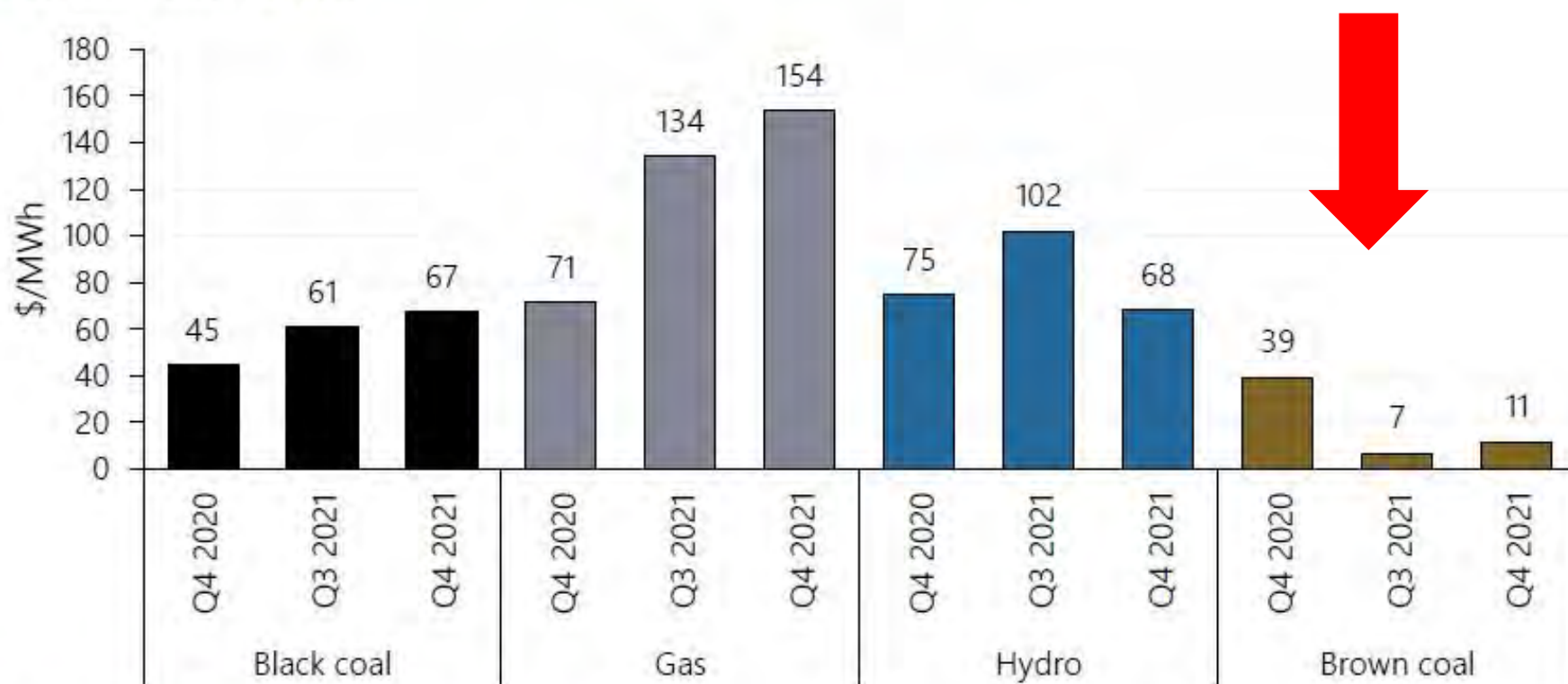
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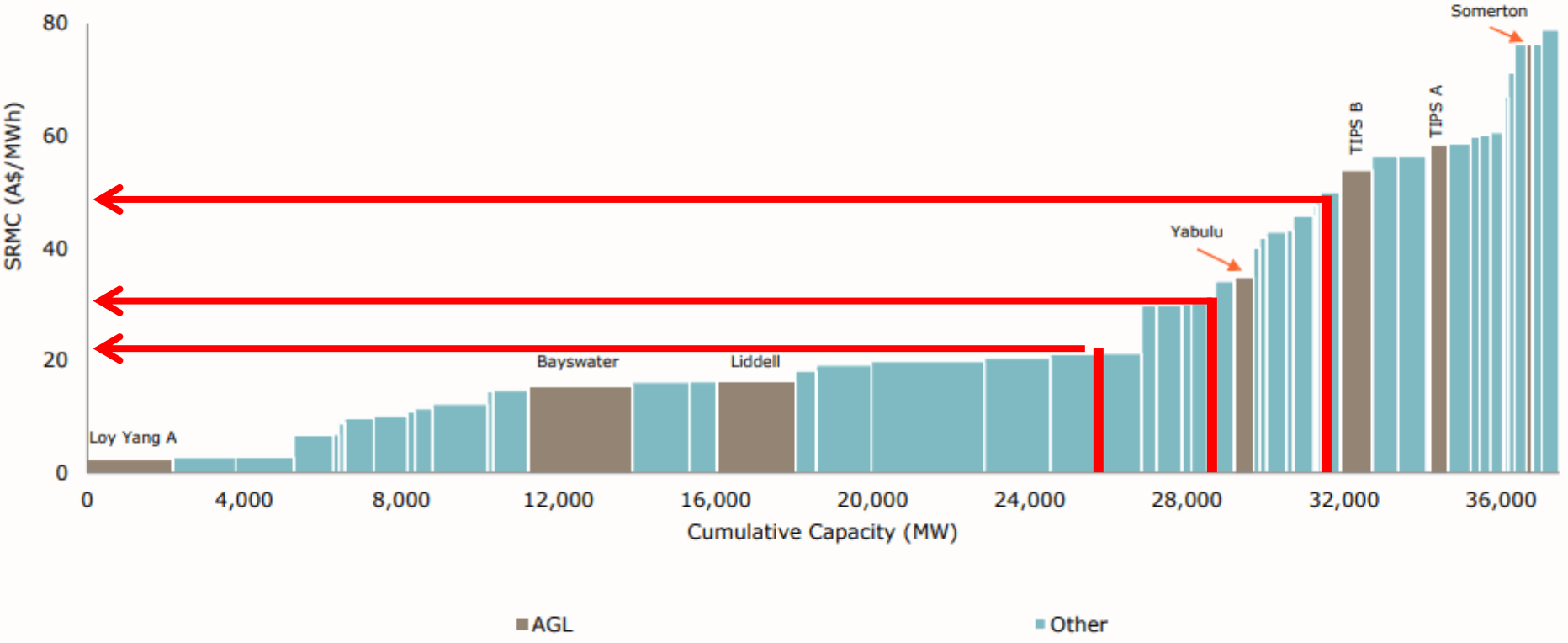
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Figure 27 Black coal and gas offers setting higher prices in Q4 2021

Average prices set by fuel type





- > Macquarie Generation Acquisition
- > 20 August 2014
- > AGL External

1. Source: AEMO 2013 Planning Studies – Existing Generator technical Data Summary as at 23 May 2014. Real June 2013
2. Excludes plants with SRMC > \$350/MWh including Angaston, Snuggery, Port Lincoln, Mt Stuart and Mackay



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* Not graphed, most diesel plants costing more than \$350/MWh



Liddell Coal Generator
2,000 MW





End of Australia's coal export boom to China is 'imminent'



Jacob Greber
Senior correspondent

Apr 21, 2022 - 5.00am



China is weaning itself off Australian coal [faster than expected](#), according to a new study that puts renewed pressure on both sides of politics to explain to marginal seat voters in Queensland and the Hunter how they will manage the transition.

Warning that there will be no return to the boom days that preceded China's imposition of an [import ban on Australian coal](#), the report predicts thermal coal shipments will fall between 26 per

Coal

1M



Coal (USD/T) 355.00 +28.7 (+8.80%)

400

355.00

“Coal is a stranded asset”

300

250

200

150

100

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2010

2012

2014

2016

2018

2020

2022



1Y

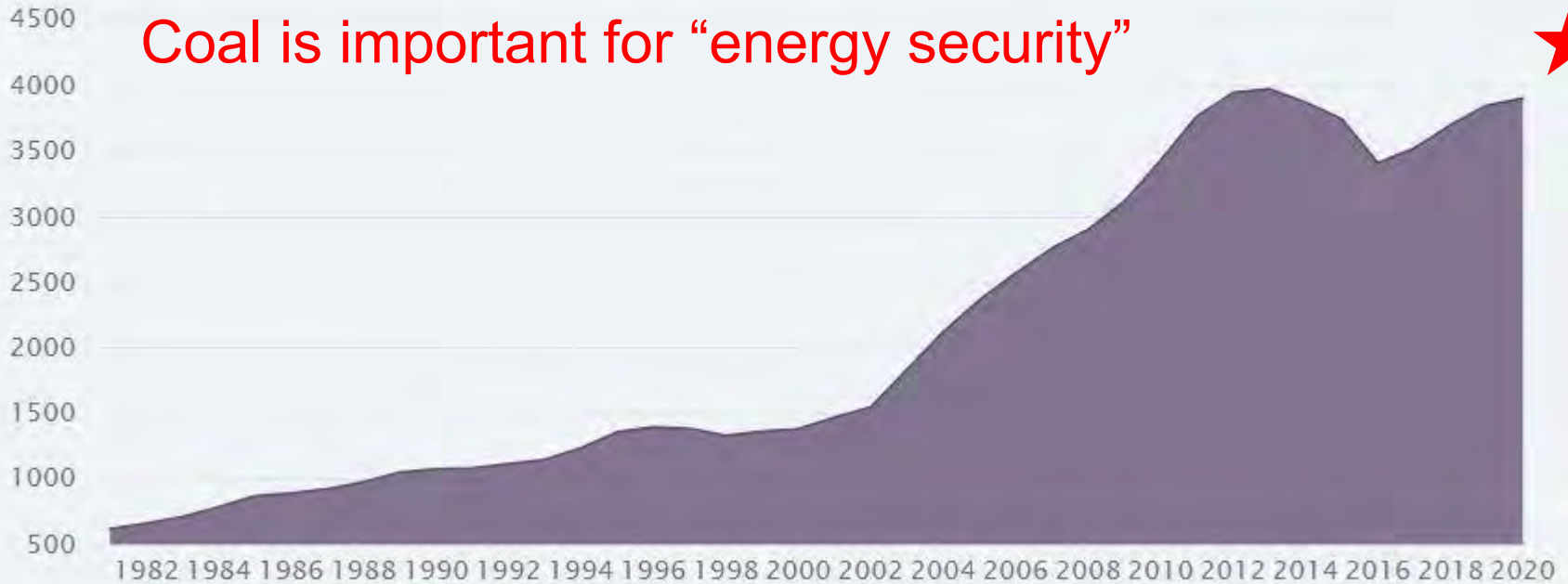
5Y

10Y

All

View China's Coal Production from 1981 to 2020 in the chart:

max 1y 5y 10y area December 1, 2009 December 1, 2020 Apply Get this data



■ NN: BP: Production Volume: Coal: Asia Pacific: China

SOURCE: WWW.CEICDATA.COM | BP PLC



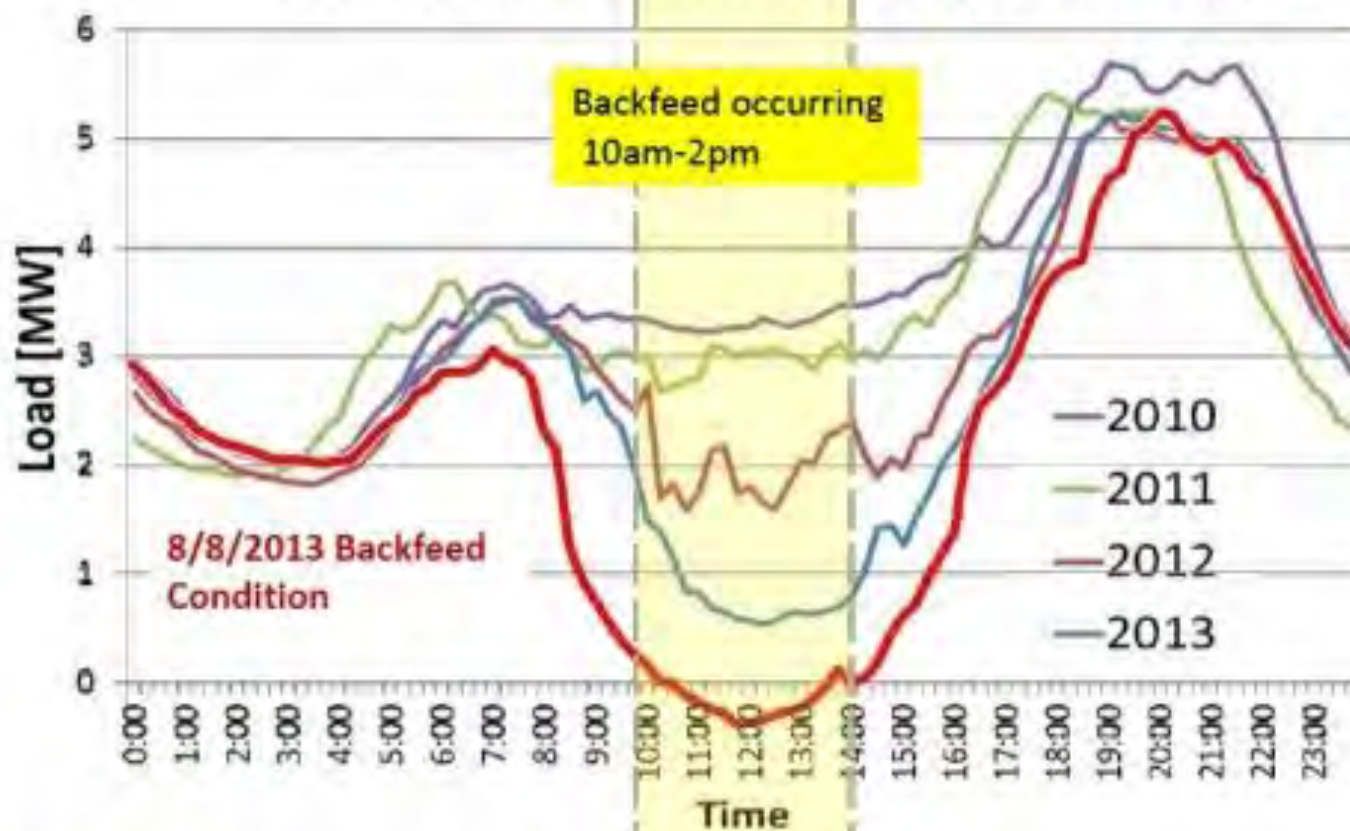
Solar



“The Duck Curve”

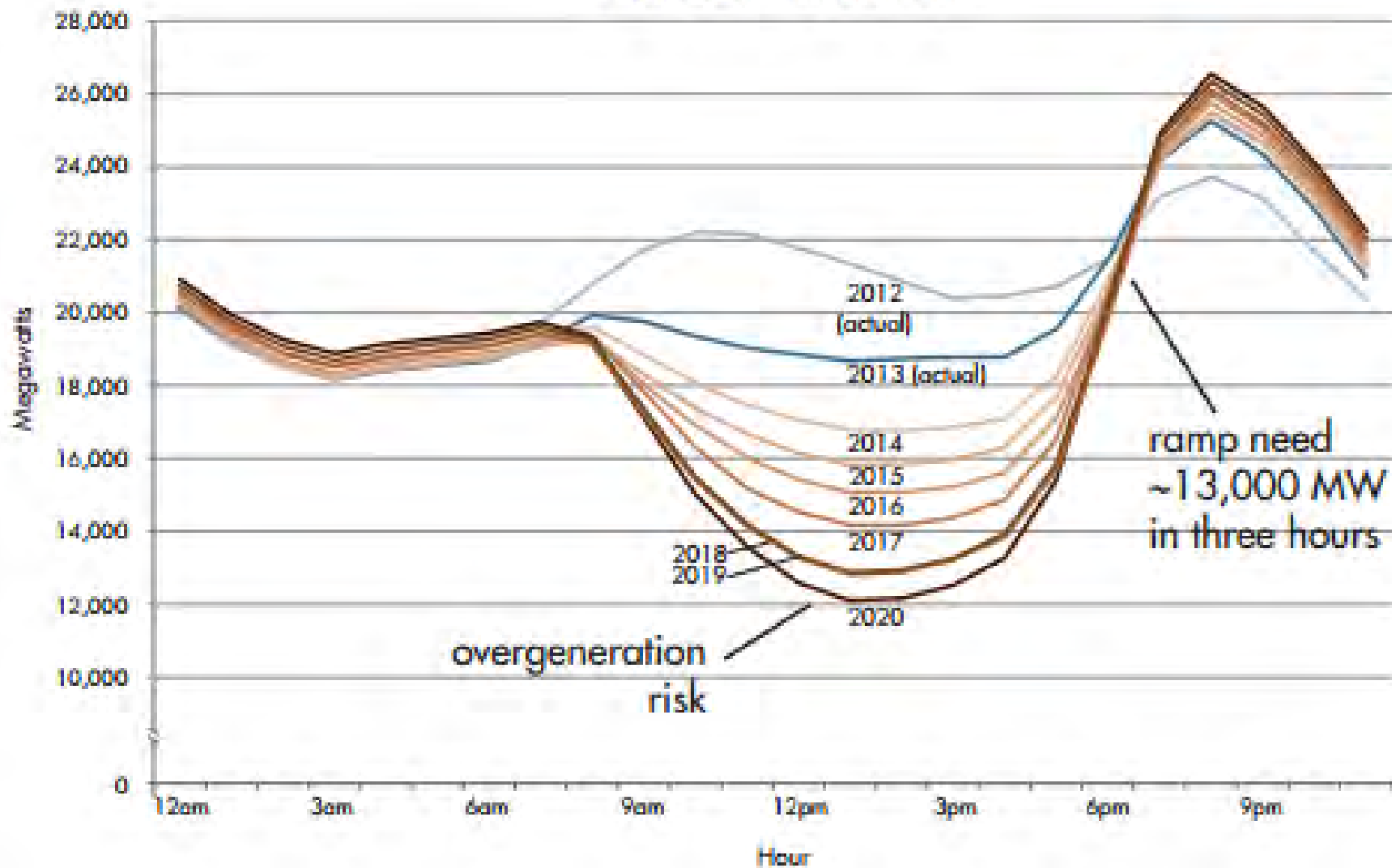
Tracking Change – 46kV Level

Average Transformer Load (MW) - December



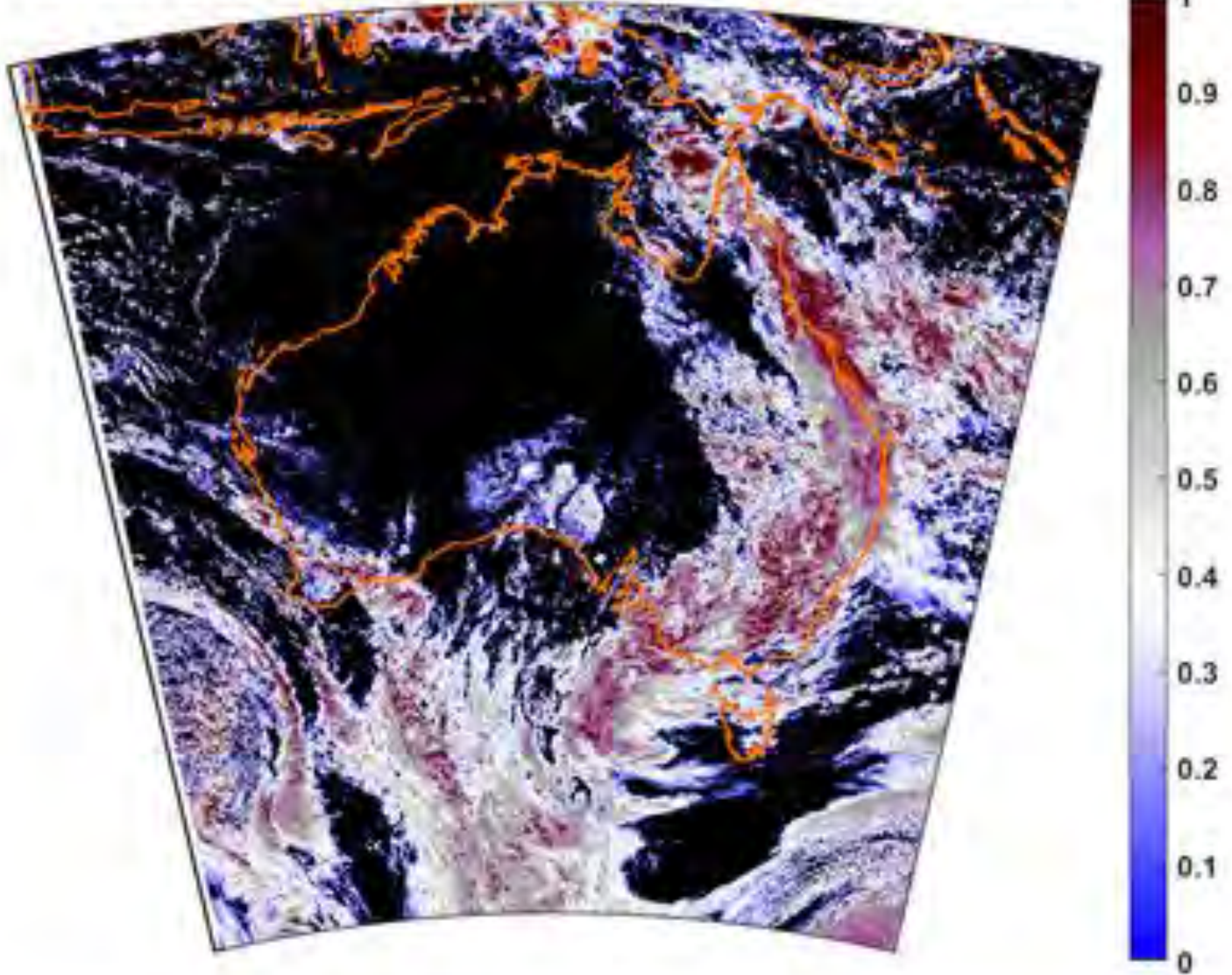
Hawaiian Electric
Maui Electric
Hawai'i Electric Light

Net load - March 31

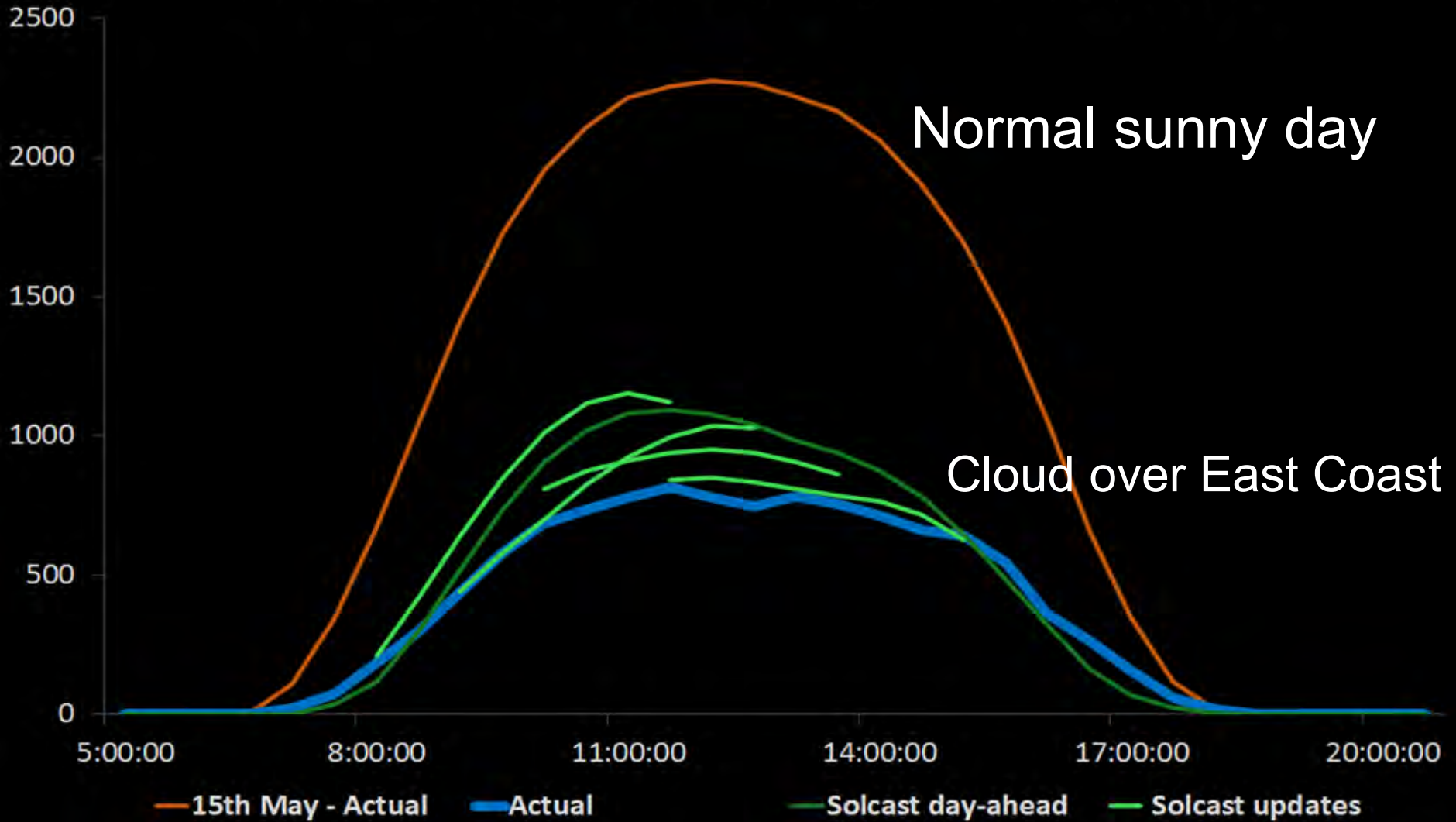


Solar power

Satellite Cloud Opacity - Solcast 1200 AEST 19th May 2017

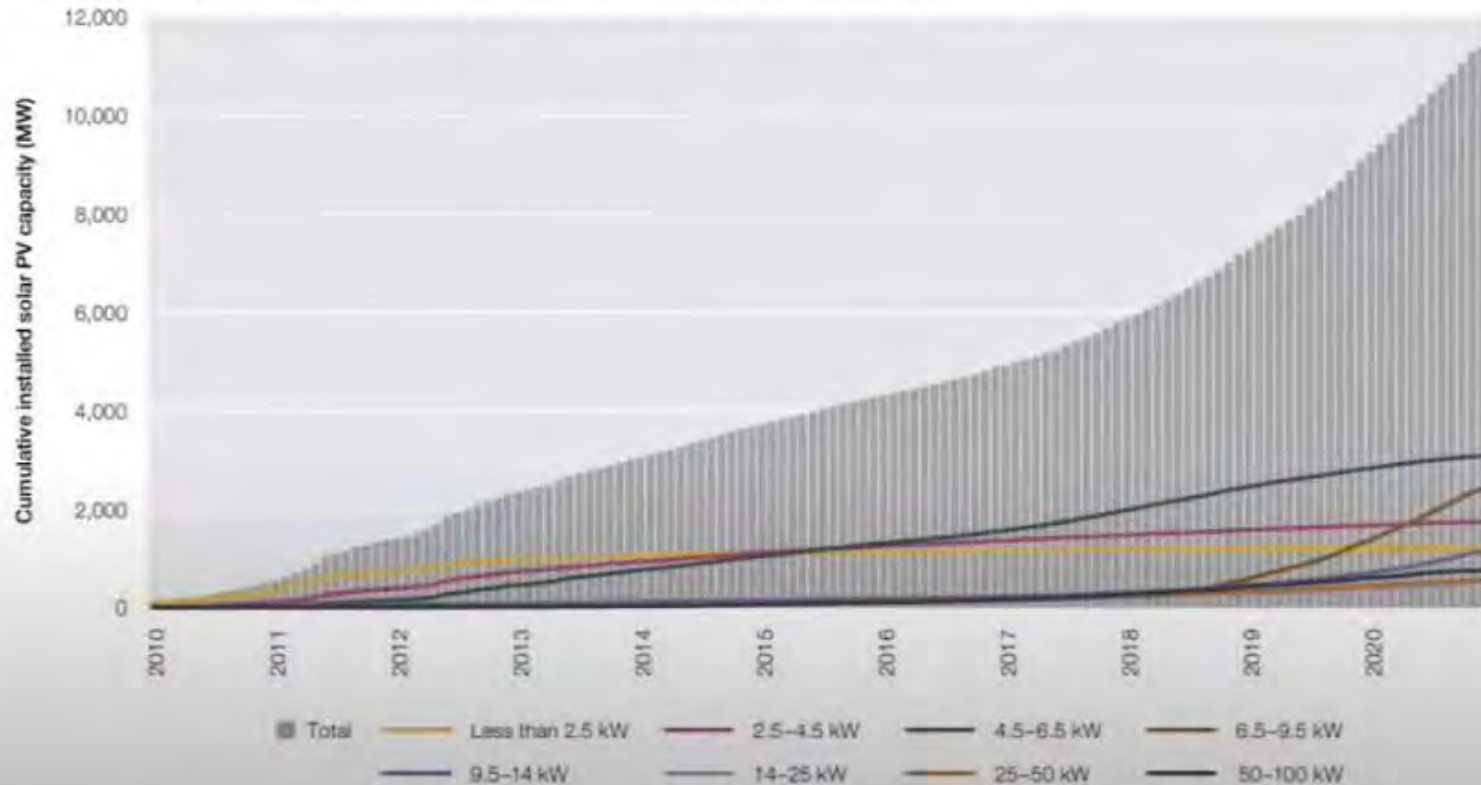


NEM Total Rooftop PV (MW) - 19th May 2017



The uptake of rooftop solar PV systems has grown exponentially in the past decade (figure 3.19). As a result of this rapid growth, DER integration now presents a significant, emerging area of expenditure.

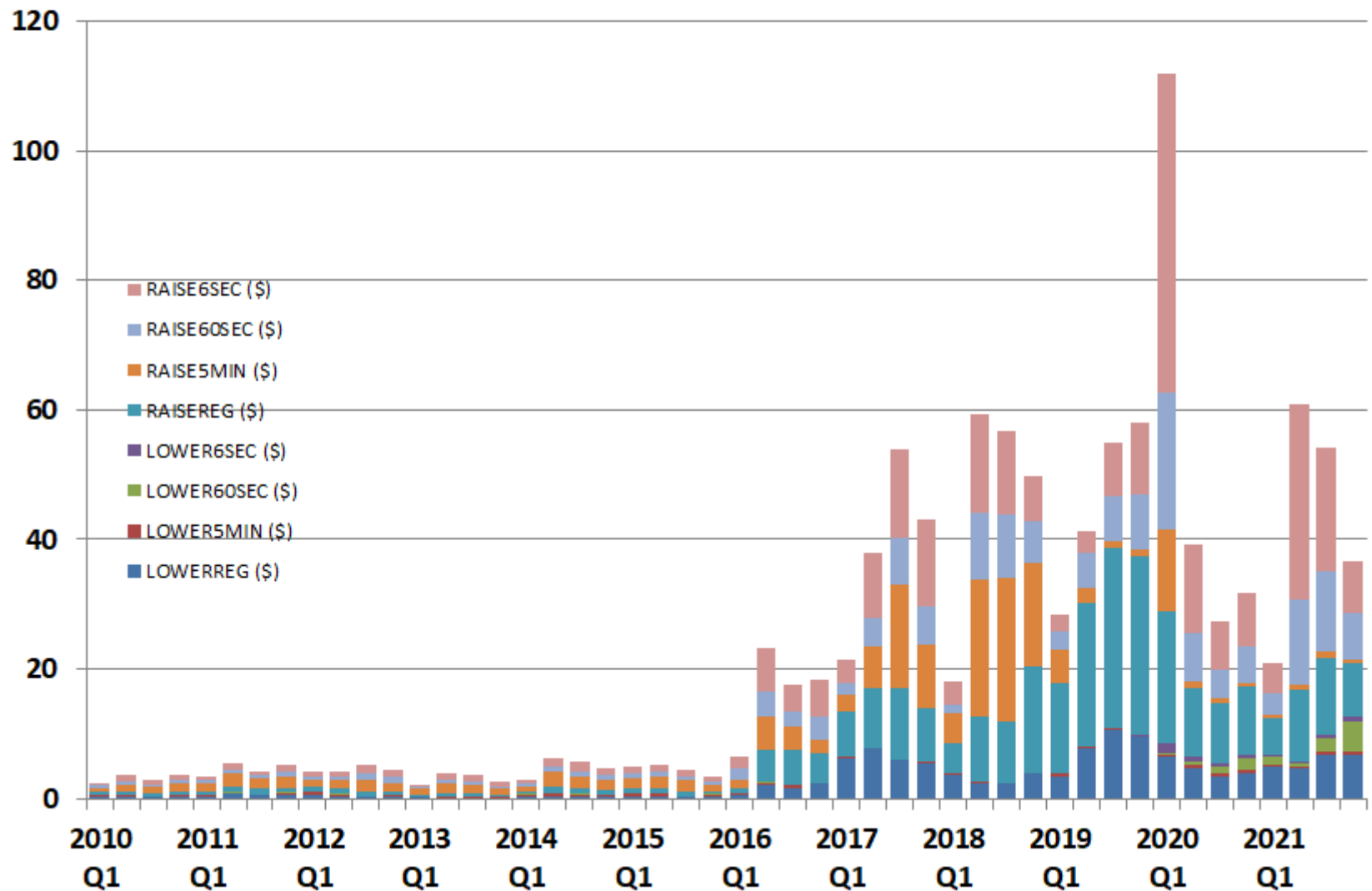
Figure 3.21 Cumulative installed small scale solar photovoltaic capacity



kW: kilowatts; MW: megawatts; PV: photovoltaic.

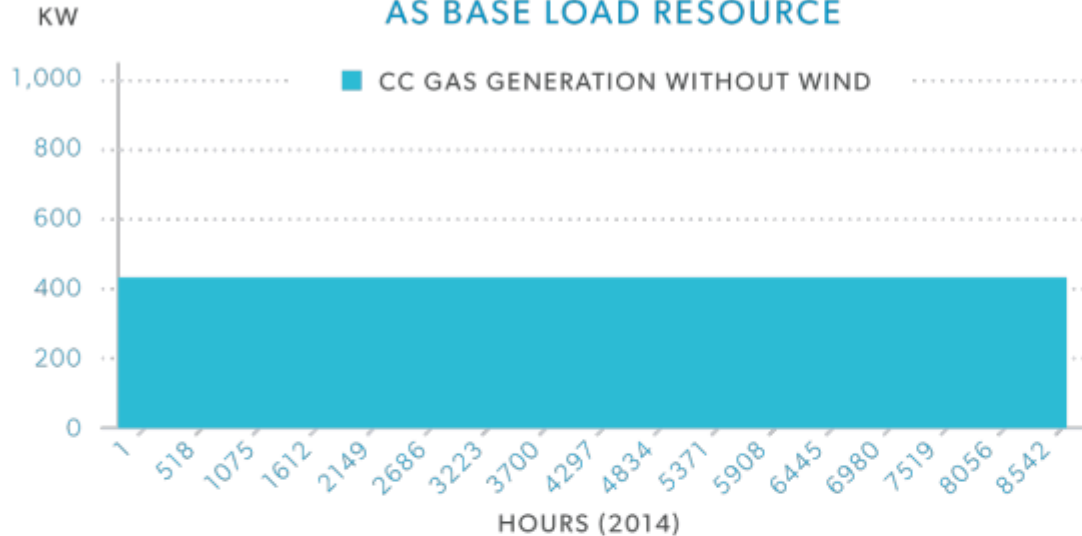
Note: Includes installations of PV systems up to 100 kW in size. Data covers all of Australia.

Quarterly global FCAS costs by services

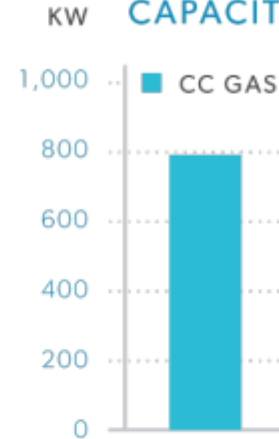


More
hidden
costs

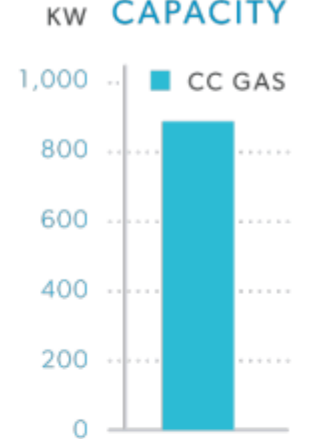
CC GAS GENERATION AT 47.8% CAPACITY FACTOR AS BASE LOAD RESOURCE



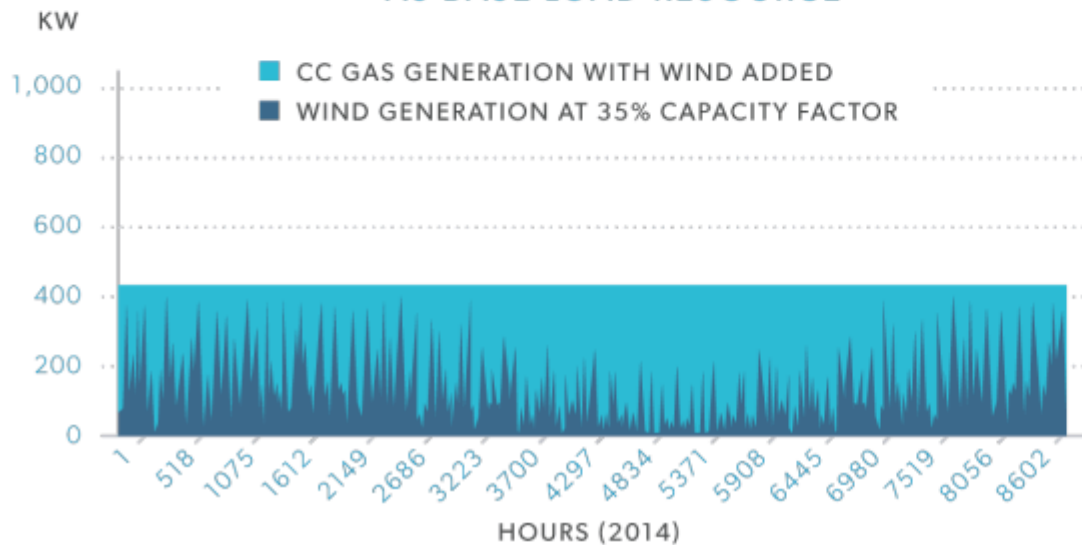
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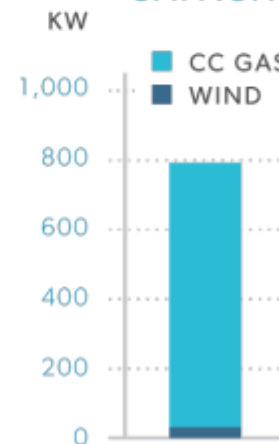
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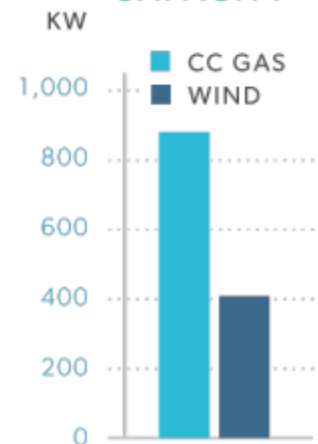
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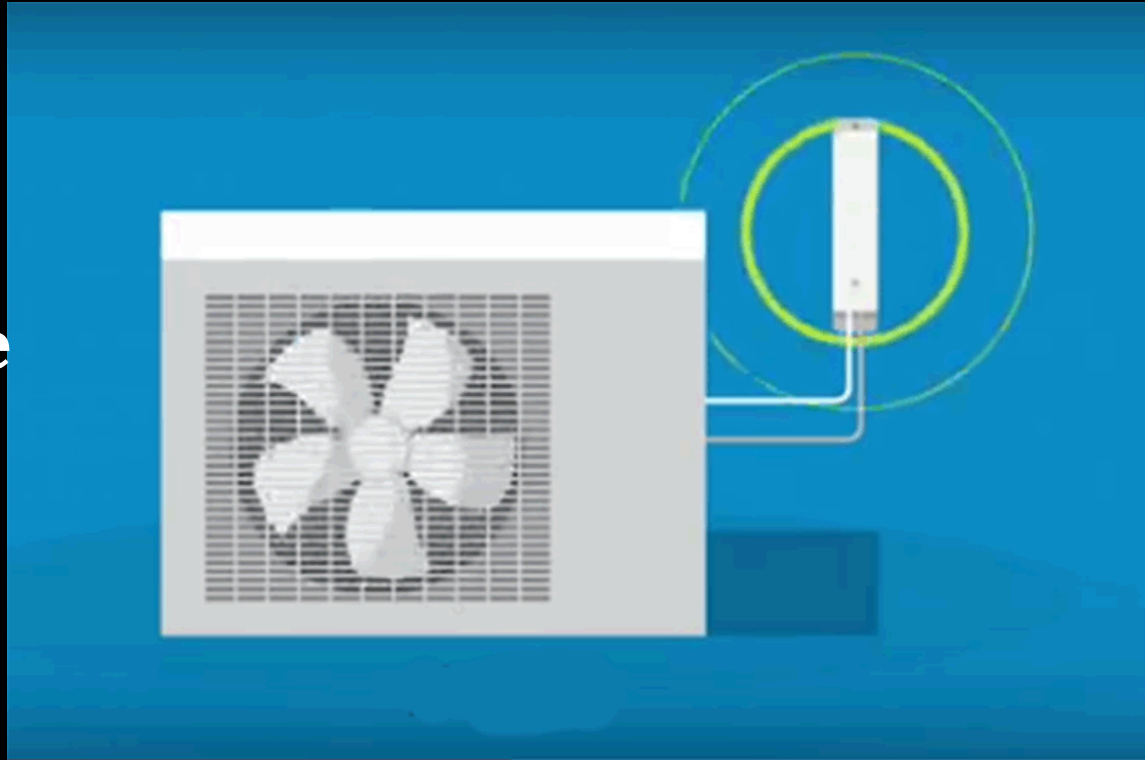


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