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Overview

How will battery storage affect Canberra's electricity grid?

Battery storage will play an increasing role in Canberra’s electricity grid as we move towards electrifying our city and achieving net zero emissions by 2045. Renewable energy such as wind and solar energy make electricity that large-scale batteries can store. Batteries help support the electricity grid when the sun and wind can’t.

What does Williamsdale's battery storage system mean for Canberra?

The large-scale battery storage system in Williamsdale will deliver 250 megawatts (MW) of power, store renewable energy and support grid reliability. This is enough energy to power one-third of Canberra for two hours during peak demand periods. Behind-the-meter batteries were installed to help power essential services across nine government sites.

What is the Big Canberra battery project?

The Big Canberra Battery project will provide renewable energy security across the electricity grid. It will help grow the ACT’s renewable energy sector, provide more local employment opportunities, and deliver a positive financial return for the territory. Building a cleaner future.

How much power will the Big Canberra battery deliver?

The Big Canberra Battery will be capable of delivering 250 MW of power – more than a third of Canberra’s peak electricity demand. It will be able to deliver this power for two hours. The Big Canberra Battery will have 500 MWh of capacity, which on a single charge could supply 23,400 households with their daily energy use.

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