

About C4NET: Enabling the energy grids and markets of the future

















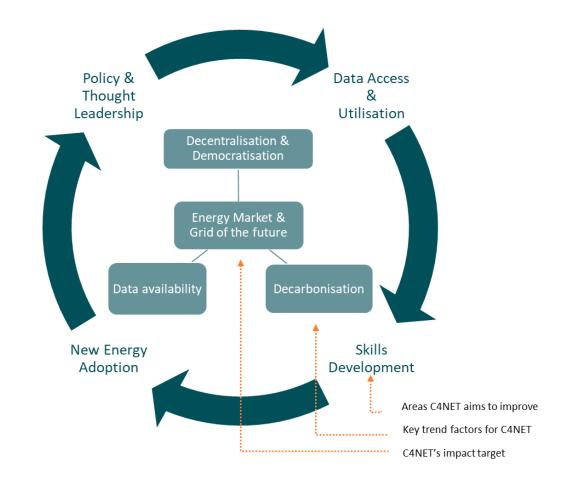








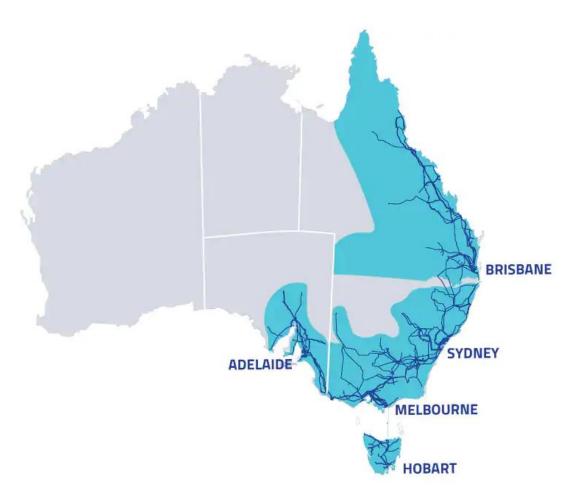
- + Delivers data-driven research, in collaboration with government, industry and academia to assist the rapid transition of the energy sector.
- + The Centre's novel energy solutions address:
 - Data access and utilisation
 - New energy adoption
 - Evidence-based policy & program support
 - Emerging skills gaps
- + The Centre is an independent, memberbased, not-for-profit company with an area of focus on the local energy systems, spanning distribution networks to consumers.



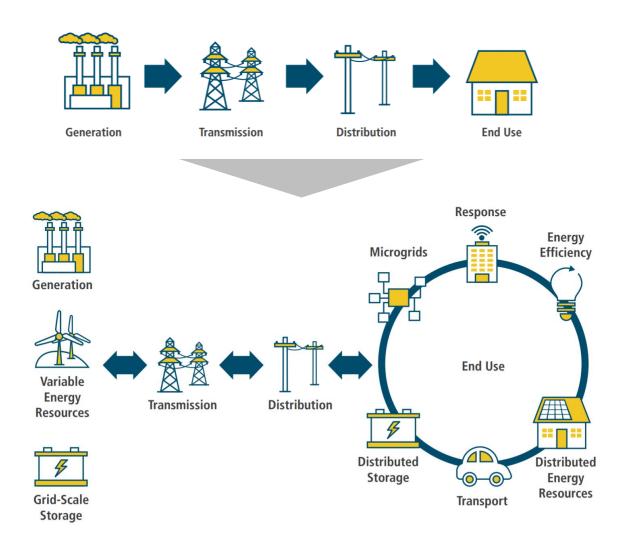


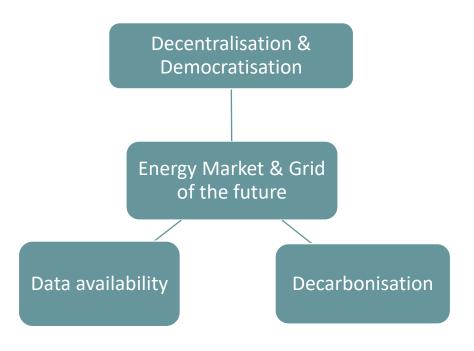
The National Electricity Market ("NEM")

- + Commenced trade as a wholesale spot market in 1998.
- + Interconnects 5 regional market jurisdictions:
 - Queensland
 - New South Wales (including ACT)
 - Victoria
 - South Australia
 - Tasmania
- + ~200 TWh electricity
- + 9 million customers
- + 54 GW generation capacity
- + ~\$17B trades/a
- + ~40,000 km transmission and distribution cables

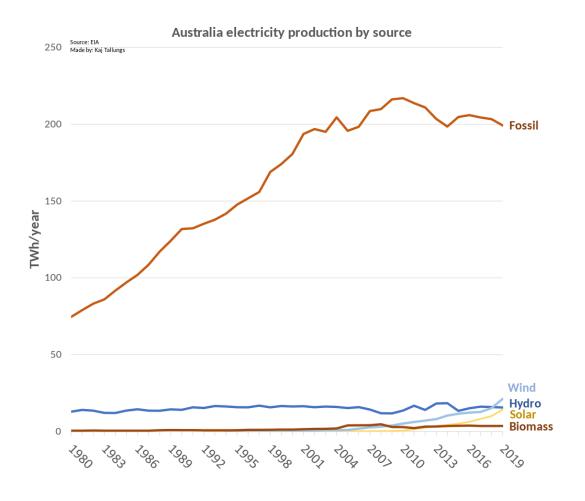


The NEM is in transition

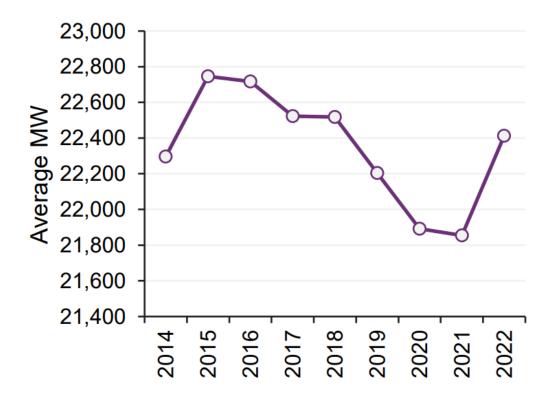




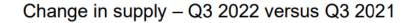
With long-life assets to be planned for

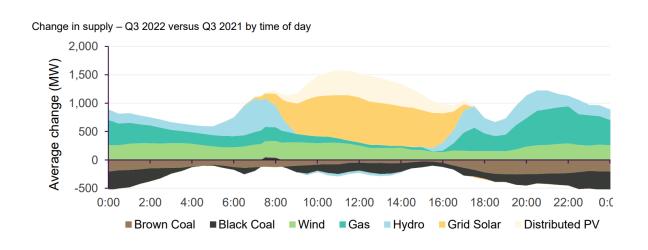


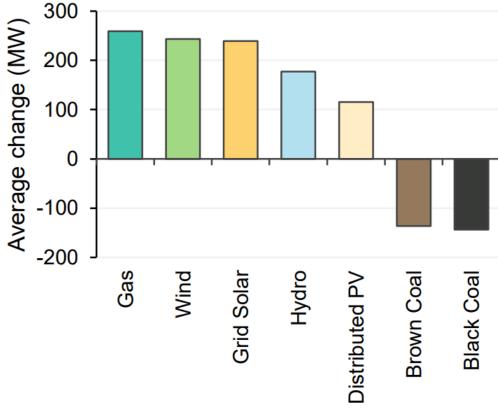
NEM average operational demand (Q3s)



The generation mix is heading to variable renewable energy

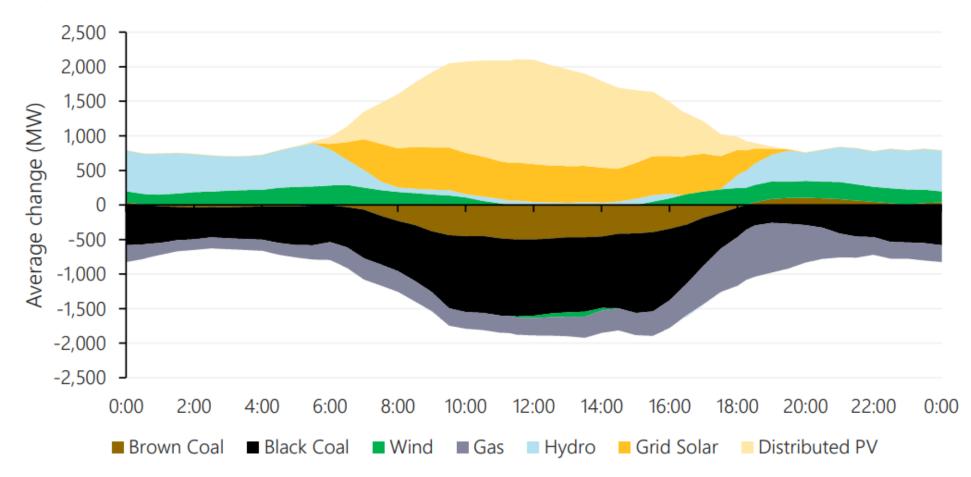






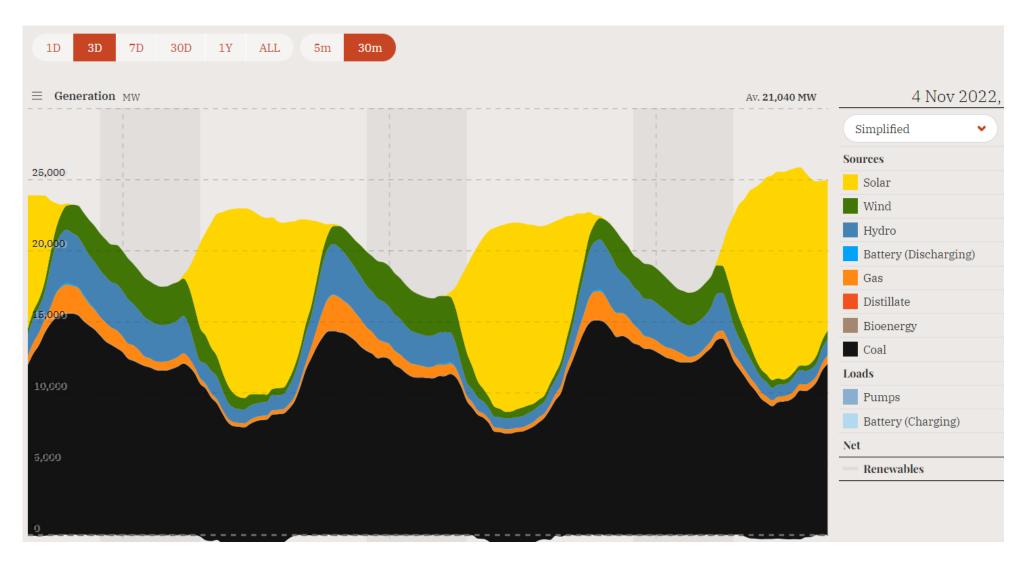
...and the current gas increase is only recent

Change in supply – Q4 2021 versus Q4 2020 by time of day

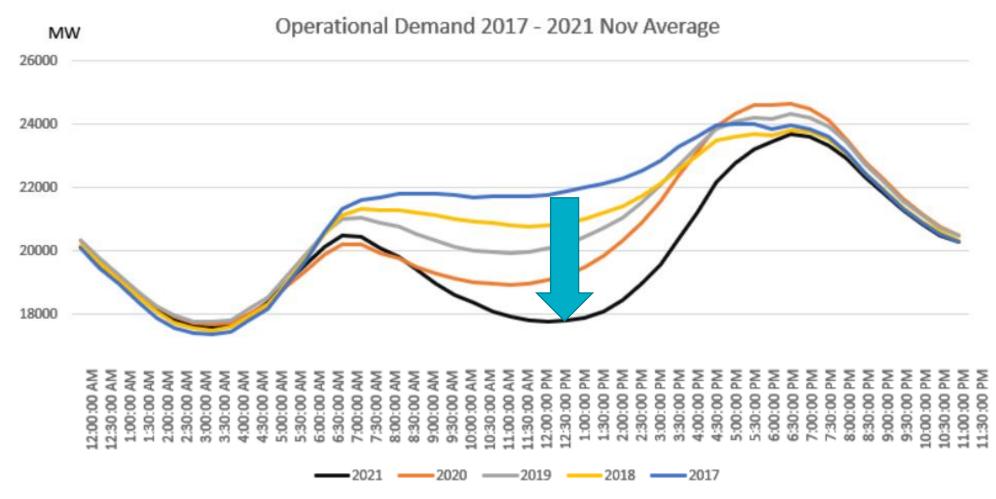




What does a day looks like from a generation perspective

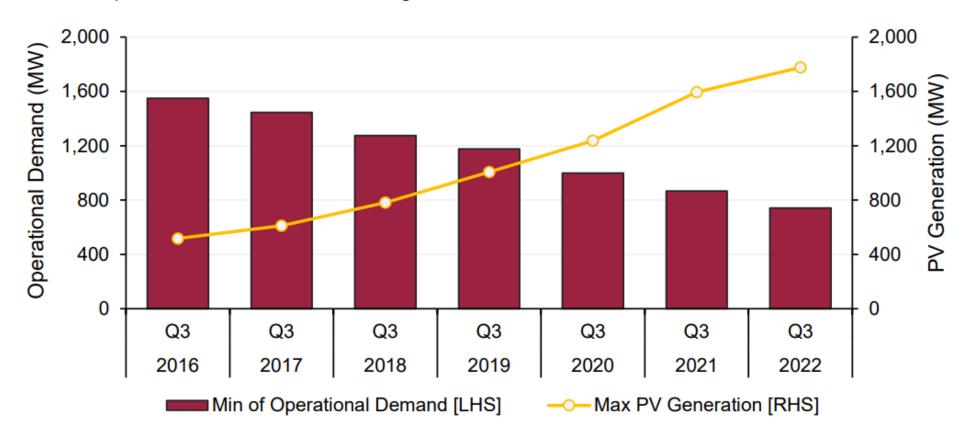


The energy system need be designed for both minimum and maximum demand



Minimum demand a growing issue as self-consumption increases

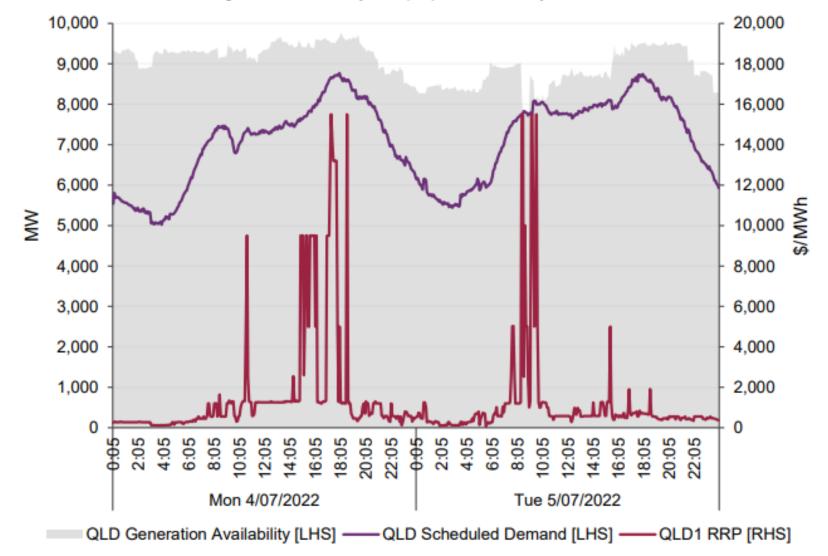
Q3 minimum operational demand and maximum PV generation trend



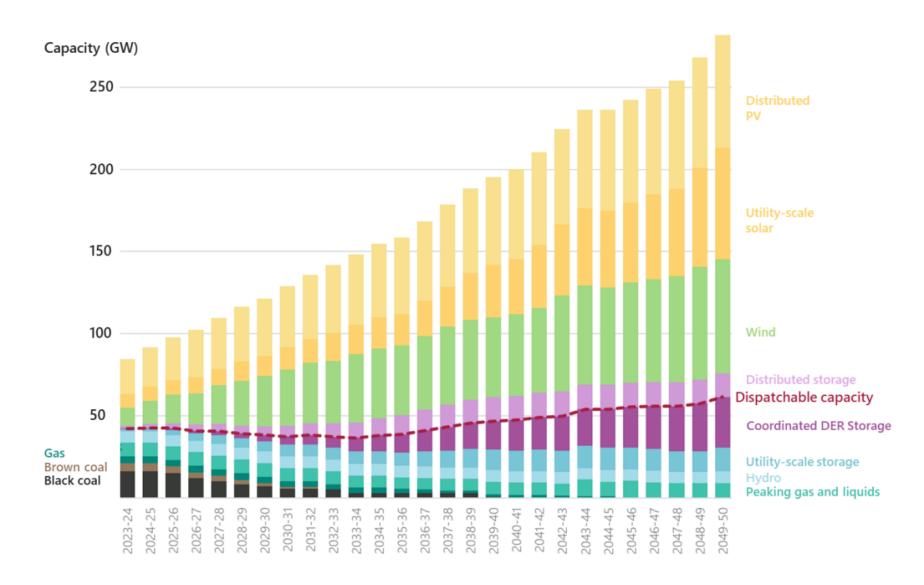


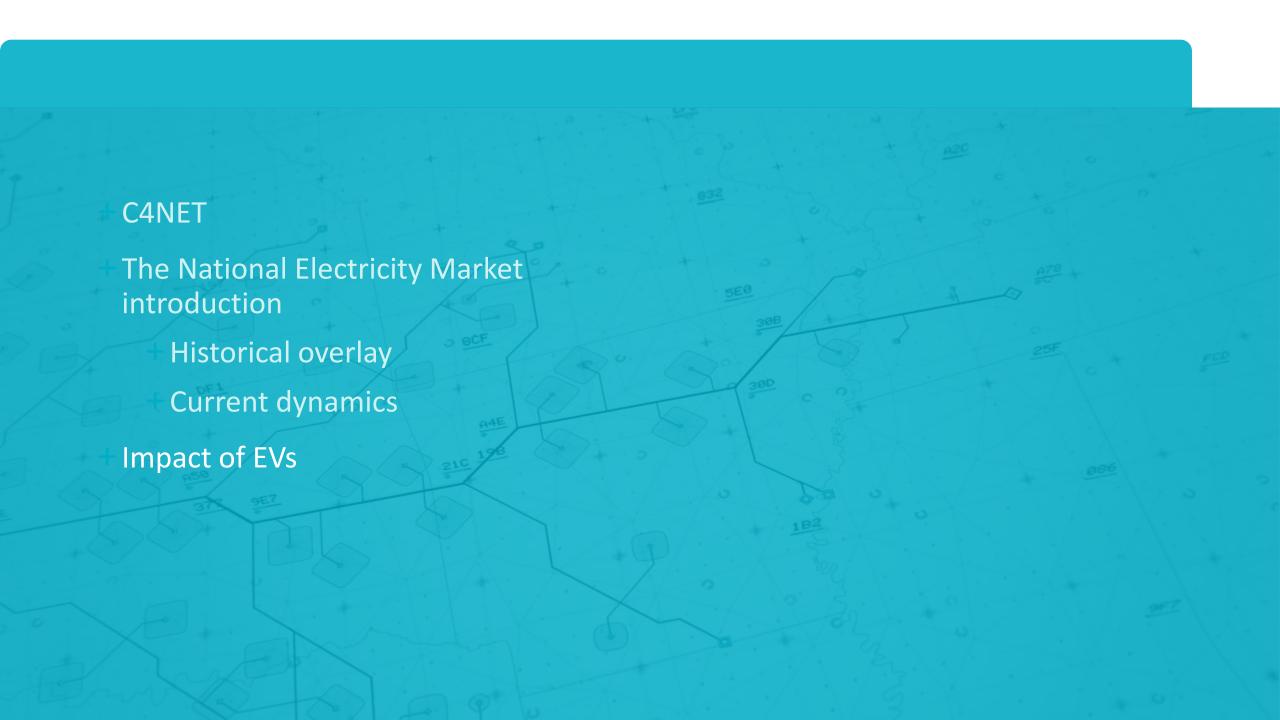
Touch on pricing – it's complex, but there's an opportunity for transport



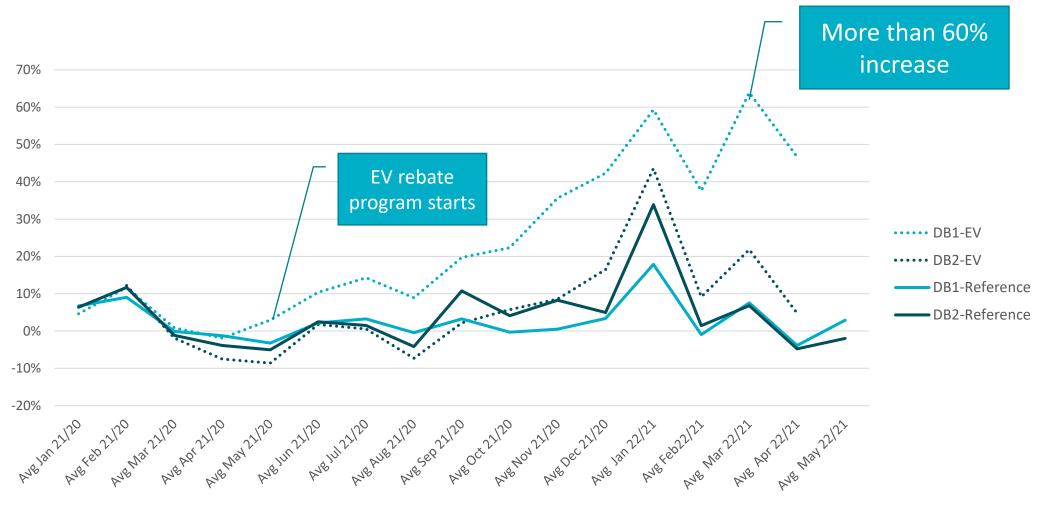


Pace and magnitude of change in generation is quite foreseeable...



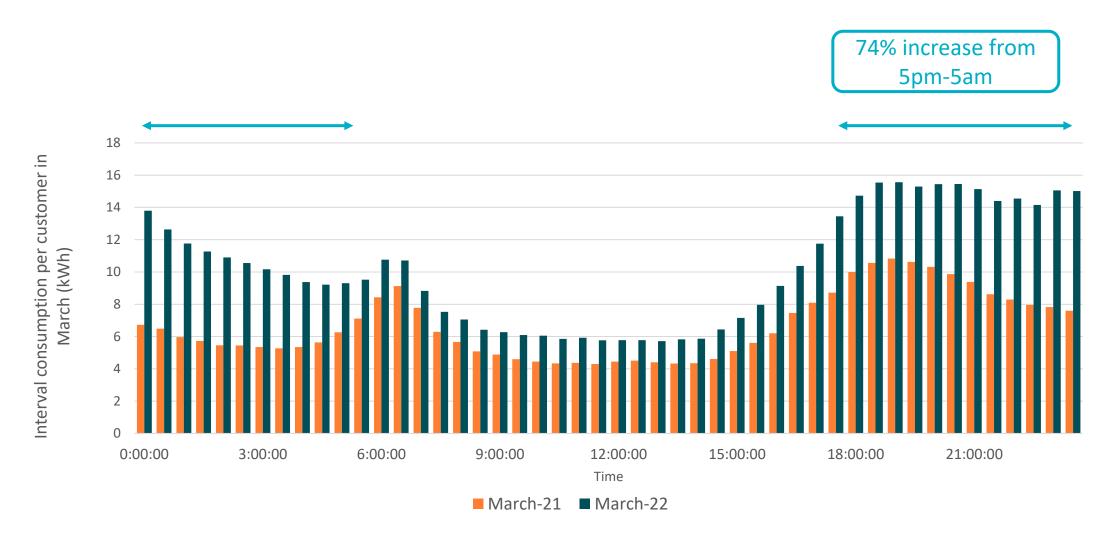


Insights: EV Customers increased their consumption significantly...

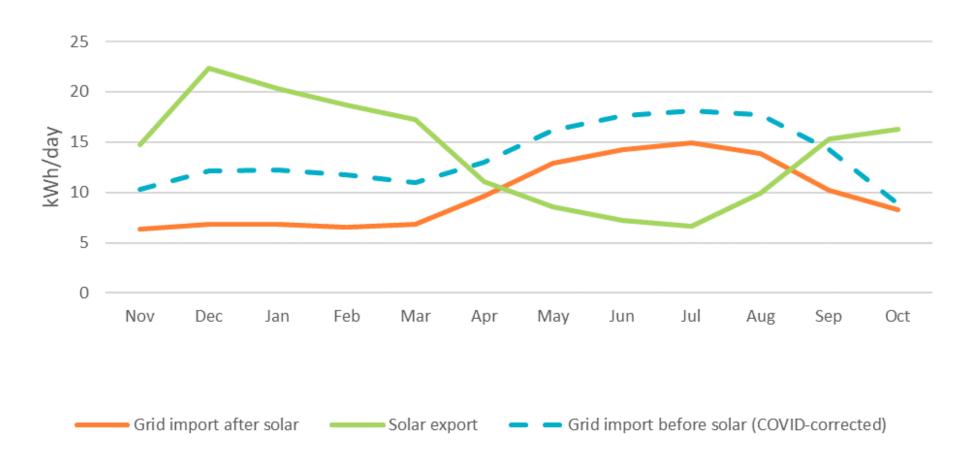


EV Cohorts by area | Change in grid energy use compared to same month in prior year (%)

Insights: The greatest additional use is overnight.



Solar households exporting 50% more than they consume from the grid

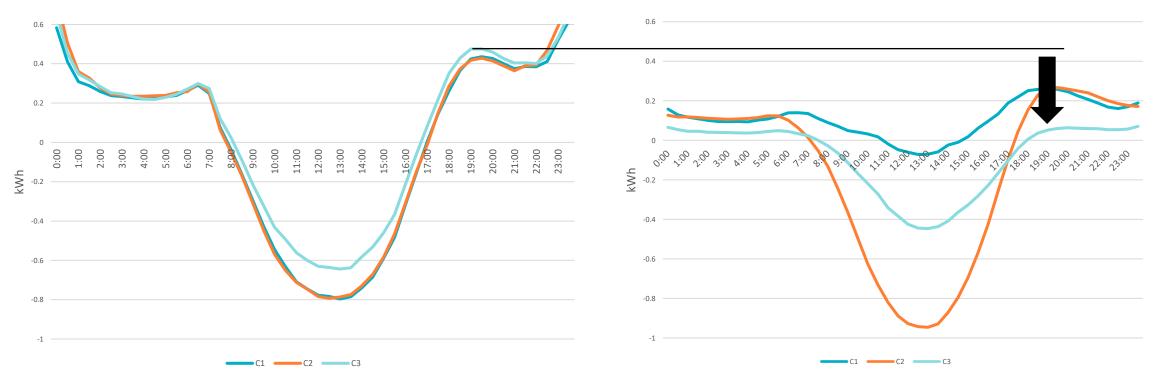




Household batteries are a tool to change evening peak loads

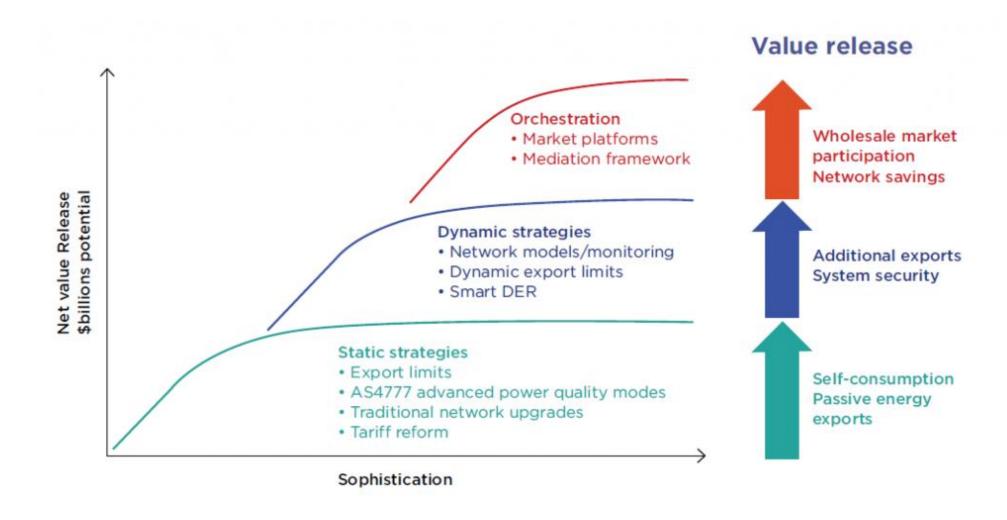
Observed data: Hot weekday (temp 35-40°C)

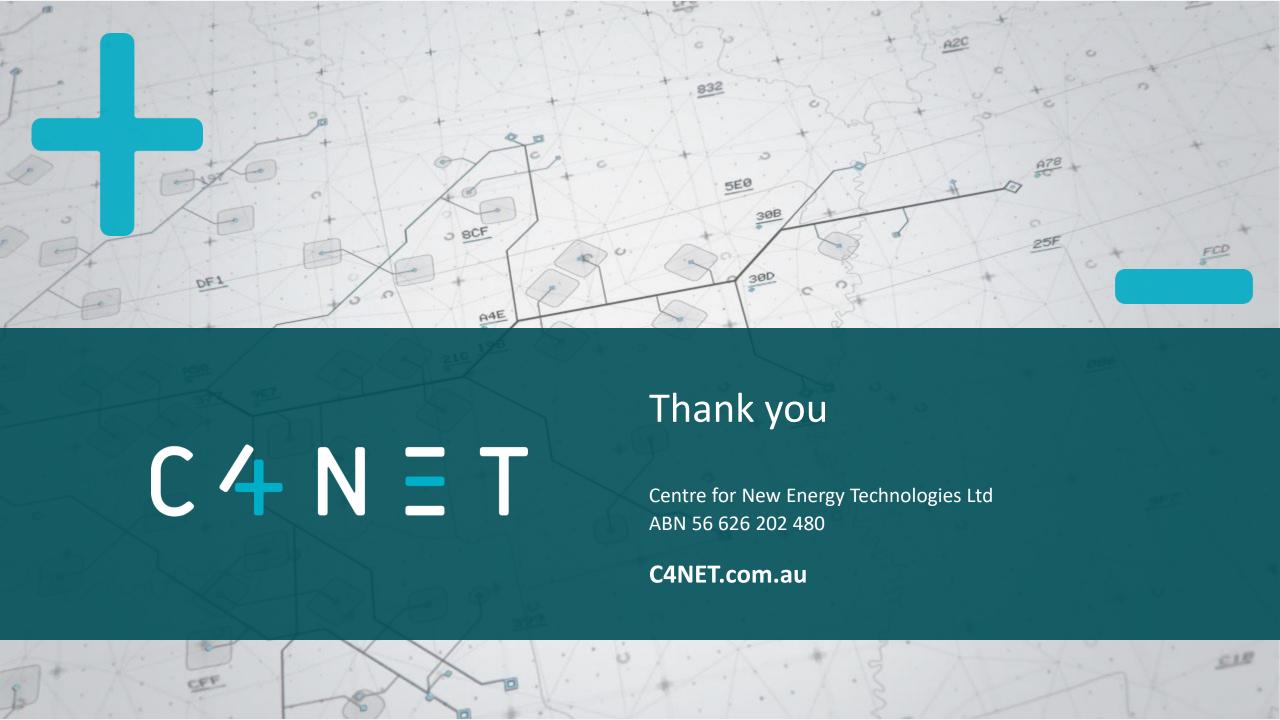
Houses with PV only





Opportunity for transport and electricity





APPENDIX – back up slides

VRE curtailment – an emerging issue

Figure 34 NEM VRE curtailment increases to record levels²⁷

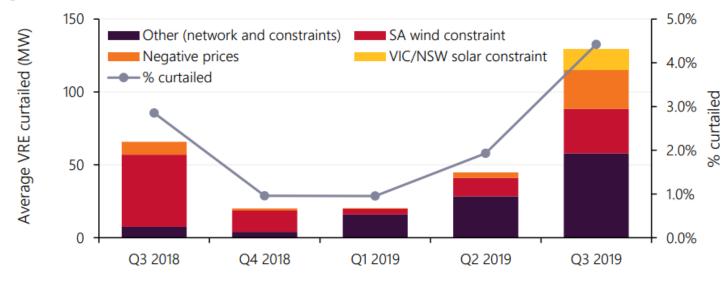
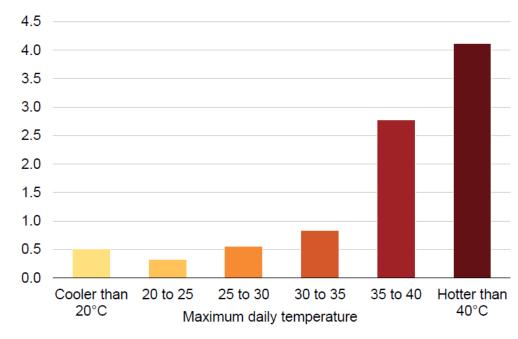
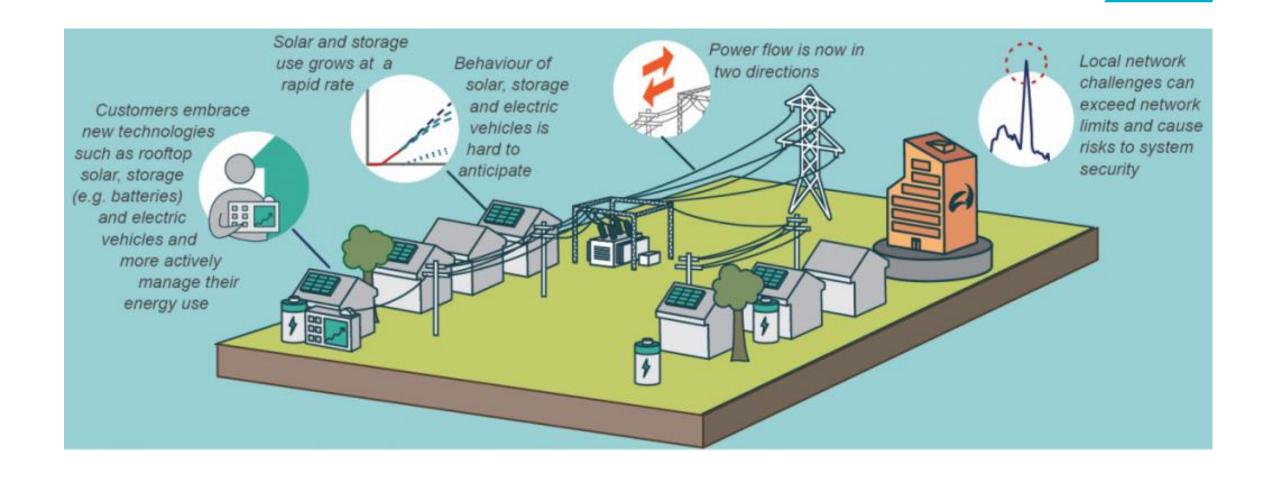


Figure 4.5: Networks are highly sensitive to temperature Average daily minutes of outage per customer, 2009 to 2018



The distribution system mix

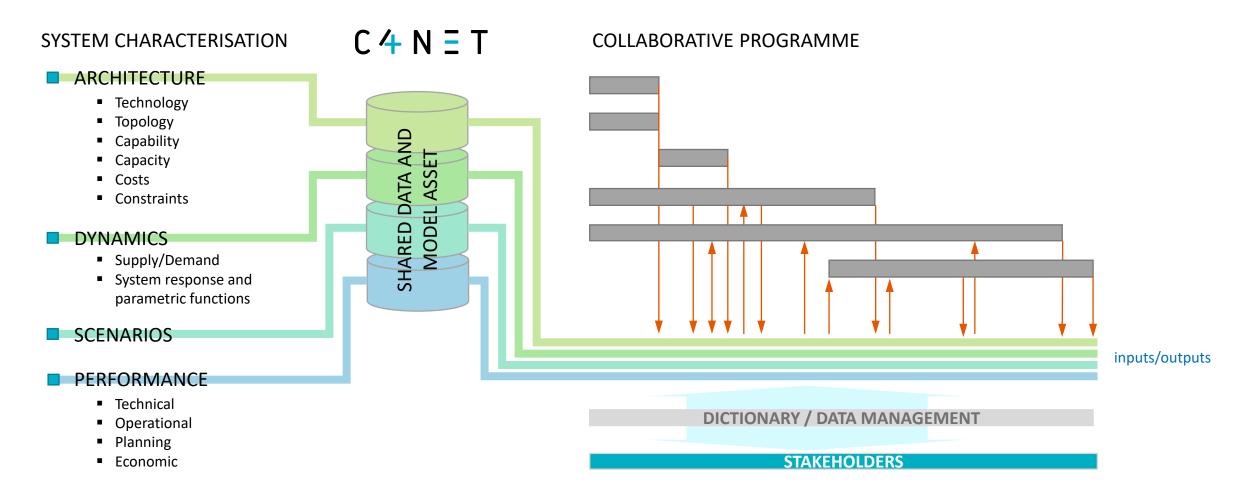


Key aim and scope

- + ESP-V is being developed as a collaborative research project that involves multiple universities, industry partners and government stakeholders.
- + The key aim is to methodologically inform *post-2030* electricity system planning downstream to the transmission level:
 - + Providing quantitative inputs into future planning strategies;
 - + Addressing the *impact* across the whole distribution system and its implications for the transmission system, particularly measured in terms of changing profiles of loads profiles and distributed energy resources and relevant implications for asset requirements;
 - + With focus on the impact of the electrification of transport and domestic gas and its interaction with localised renewables and distributed energy resources.
- + The project is organised through different work packages that bring together different multi-partner subprojects that are cohesively developed to ensure consistency in outputs and methodologies that could then be used for business-as-usual implementations by different stakeholders.
- + The methodologies and outcomes are designed to allow scaling up to other states beyond Victoria.
- + The project will <u>NOT</u> provide forecasts, but rather outcomes, insights and input data based on *what-if scenarios* that could be used by relevant stakeholders in their studies and general business as usual decision-making.

ESP-V Essential Building Blocks

The programme collaboration will build and increasingly leverage a shared data asset that captures the key technical, operational and economic characteristics and performance of our complex and rapidly evolving energy system



Program Focus

The program builds on a core understanding of the network implications of electrification to explore the implications for stakeholders of future technical and business architectures – and their ultimate implications for *national* markets and stakeholders.

ECONOMY TRANSMISSION DISTRIBUTION ENERGY USE WP1: KEY INPUTS, METHODOLOGIES, AND NETWORK IMPLICATIONS OF ELECTRIFICATION WPO: **SYSTEM** WP2: TECHNO-ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF FUTURE ARCHITECTURES **CHARACTERISATION** AND COLLABORATION **PLATFORM** WP3: WHOLE-OF-SYSTEM IMPLICATIONS: TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, POLICY

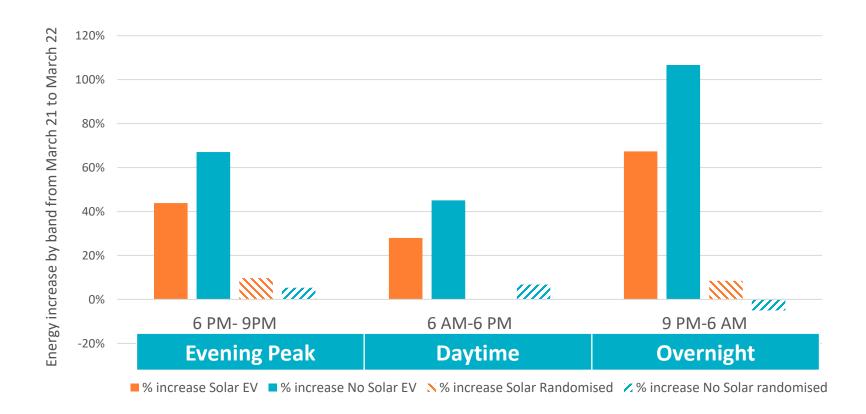
Stakeholder Application

The project and its components are being shaped to deliver:

- + Policy makers Better informed policy positions through modelled outcomes with a foundation of the system physics at high, medium and low voltage distribution networks and opportunities/impacts for consumers.
- + DNSPs Longer-term detailed modelling beyond the capacity of existing internal resources based on generic distribution system topologies that they could then match up with their own systems.
- + AEMO A means to assess more nuanced modelling outcomes against the ISP methodologies for further improvement and consideration of the depth of modelling needed at the distributed level and Australia-wide, and insights into the distribution systems ability to address/reduce transmission level challenges.
- + Research partners collaborative research opportunities, direct industry engagement, nationwide exposure and direct & live technology transfer
- + All Harmonised assumptions, consistent methodologies, and modelled outcomes of scenarios to inform more efficient planning and policy discussions between multiple industry partners, regulators and policy makers to help steer towards the more desirable scenario outcomes;
 - + Hence freeing up diverse groups to focus the debate on the issues, not the numbers; and
 - + Insight into impact of alternatives to unmanaged growth and consumer use of different technologies.

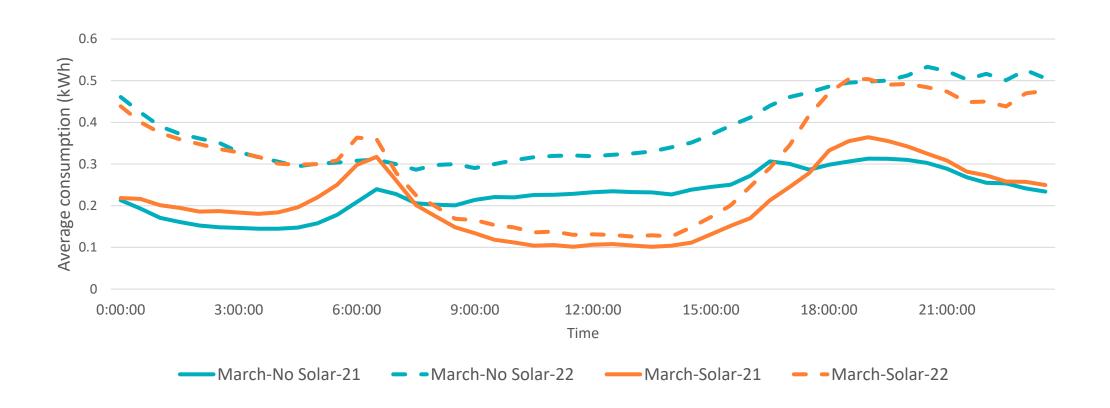
Insights: Overnight charging appears to be the predominant behaviour

- + EV charging behaviour corresponds to the majority of usage increases from Mar 2021 to Mar 2022.
- + EV charging is not predominant during solar hours
- + Prolonged charging into the night rather than just a short sharp peak



Insights: Comparing solar (70%) and non-solar customers

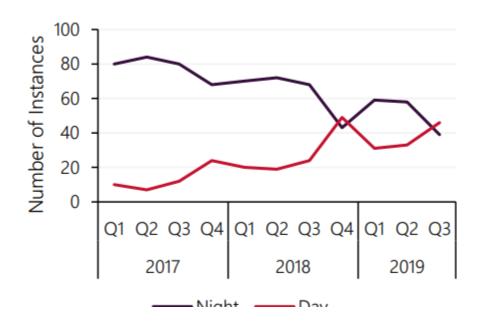
+ Still to be determined is the extent to which solar customers are using their solar to charge their EV.



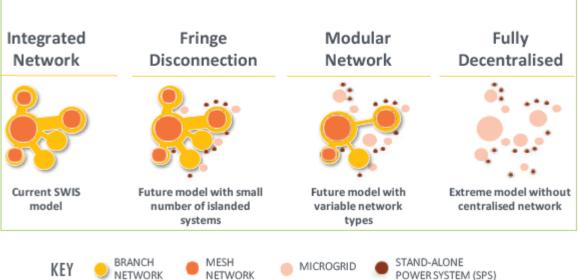
Emerging market opportunities

Figure 49 WEM minimum demand increasingly occurs during the day

Instances of min demand



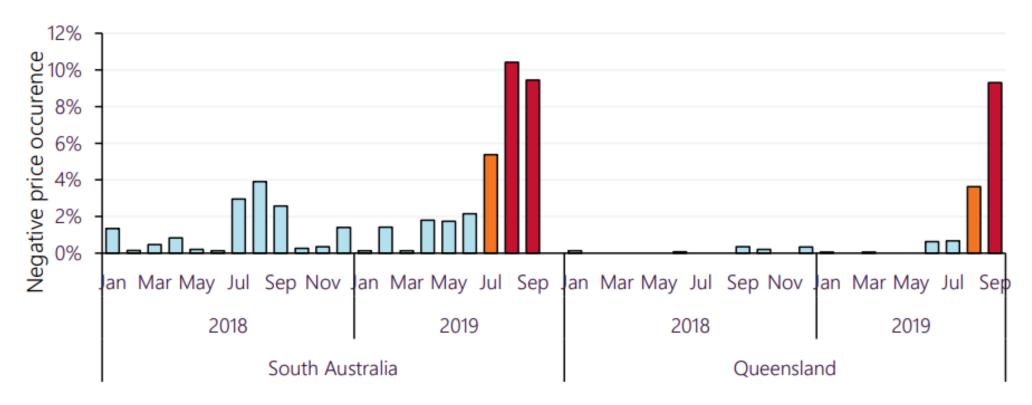




Negative price events make balancing a market increasingly difficult

Figure 20 Record occurrence of negative prices in South Australia and Queensland

Frequency of negative or zero spot prices in South Australia and Queensland.



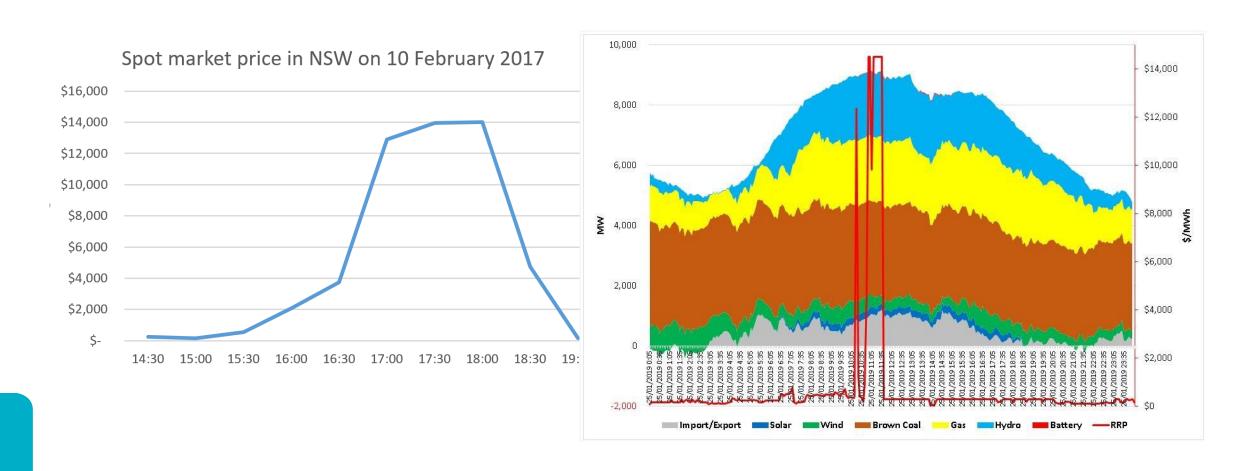
Solar continues to grow, both in popularity and size of system





—O— Average Unit Size - RHS

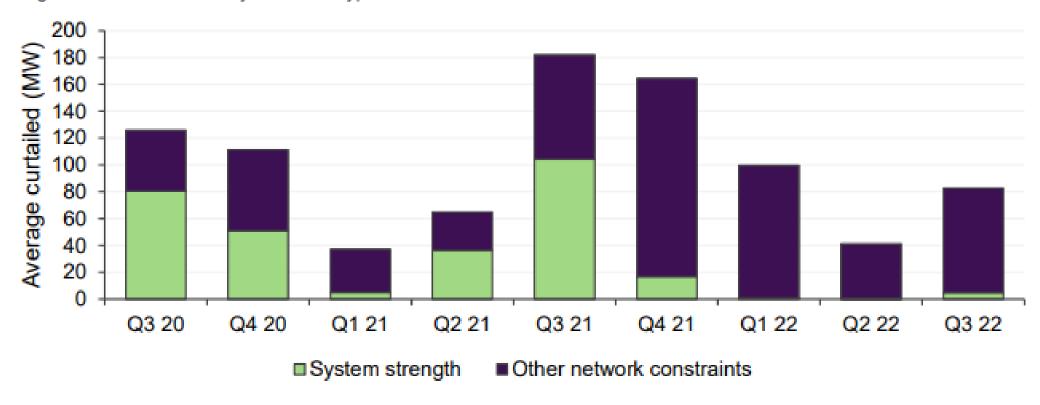
Most participants can't respond to price volatility, and don't have the knowledge



The levcel of curtailment is an orchestration opportunity

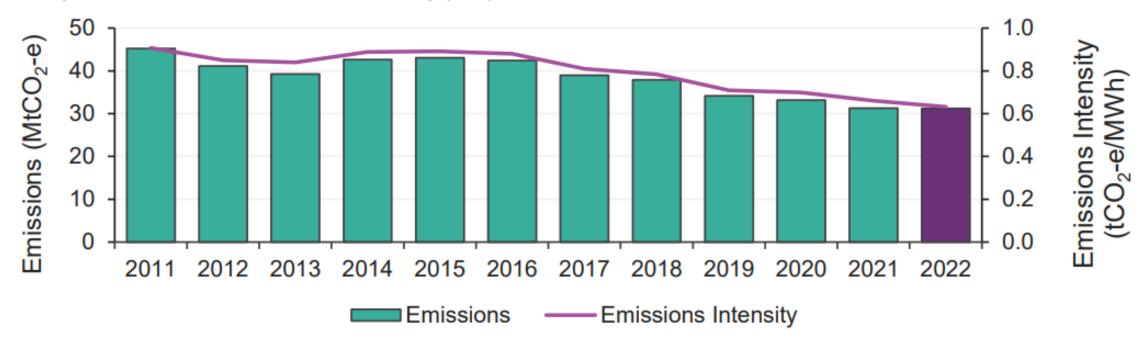
Figure 36 VRE system strength curtailment remains minimal since Q3 2021

Average NEM VRE curtailed by constraint type



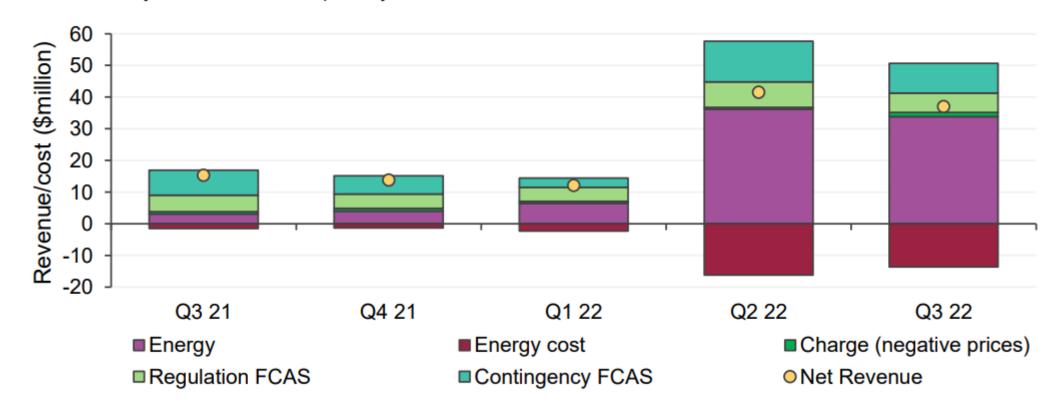
Emissions are on the path down, but a long way to go to meet government goals

Quarterly NEM emissions and emissions intensity (Q3s)



Batteries offer an insight to EV opportunities in the energy market

Estimated battery revenue sources – quarterly



Change in daily net demand curve is driven by uptake of solar

