

Victoria s latest energy storage projects





Overview

The Victoria government in Australia has approved a 300MW/1,200MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) in Gippsland and a 332MW solar PV power plant with integrated storage in the state's northeast region, via the Development Facilitation Program. How many energy storage projects are there in western Victoria?

In March 2018, 2 projects in Western Victoria were chosen to be part of The Energy Storage Initiative – one in Ballarat and one in Gannawarra. Construction for the Ballarat and Gannawarra Energy Storage Systems was completed in late 2018. Both batteries began operating over the summer of 2018 and 2019.

How many large-scale storage systems does Victoria have?

Victoria has 12 commissioned large-scale storage systems and 3 in commissioning – with a total output capacity of 1028 MW and storage capacity of more than 1.7 GWh. Storage capacity = how much total energy is stored in each battery. Output capacity = how much energy a battery can provide at a given time.

Why is Victoria a good place to store batteries?

Victoria is the home of big batteries and has legislated storage targets of at least 2.6 GW by 2030 and 6.3 GW by 2035 to provide crucial support for more renewable capacity. Storage is a vital part of our electricity grid. In the future, much of our energy will be generated closer to where it is used and the way we use it will be more efficient.

How many batteries are under construction in Victoria?

A further 13 batteries are under construction and 46 batteries have been granted development approval. Big batteries are being delivered through the SEC, Victorian Renewable Energy Target (VRET) program, Structured Transition Agreements, the Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Stage 1 program, Energy Innovation Fund and more.



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