## **STATE OF THE NETWORK**

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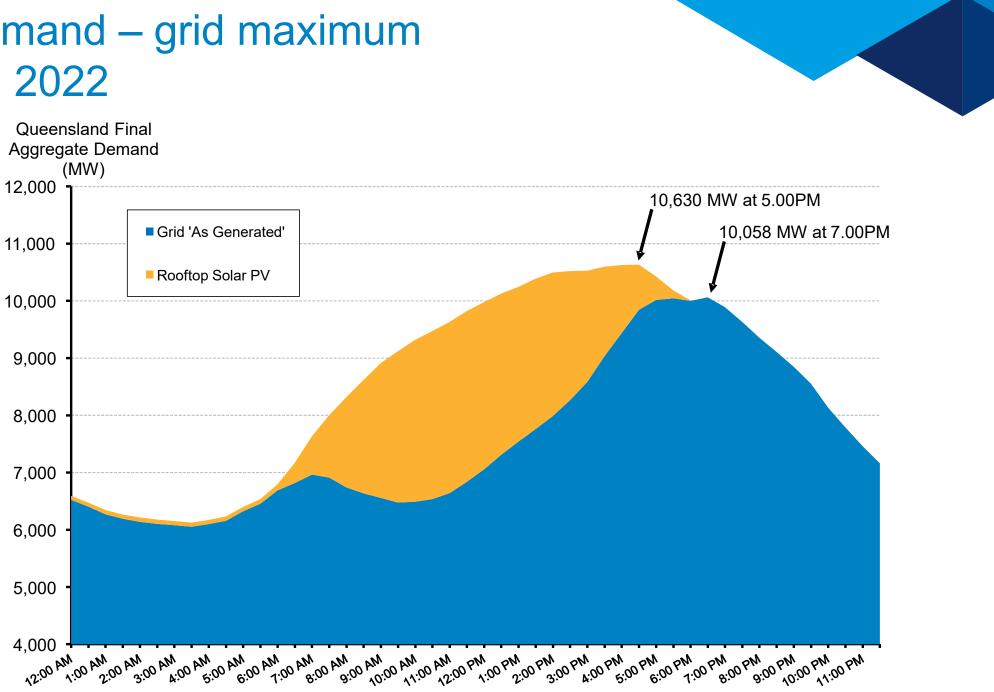




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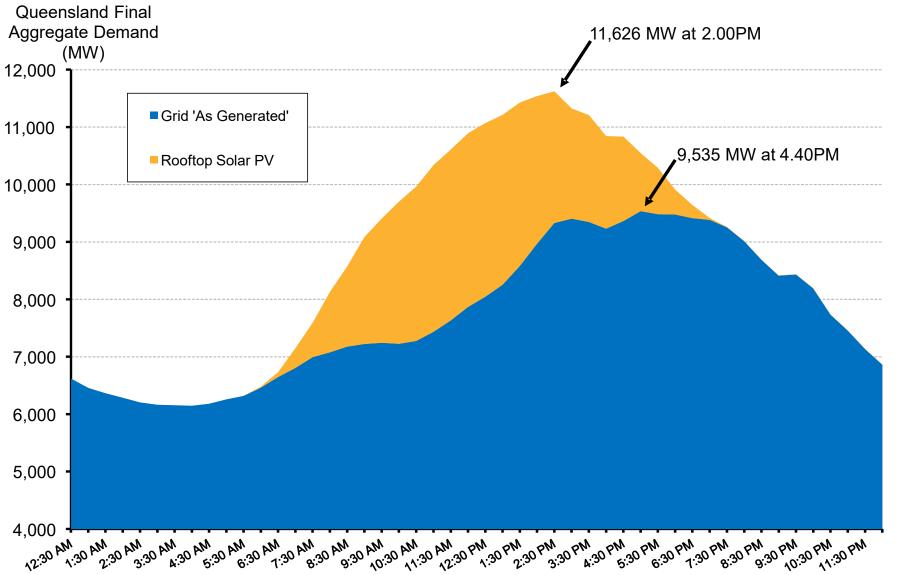


#### Final demand – grid maximum 8 March 2022

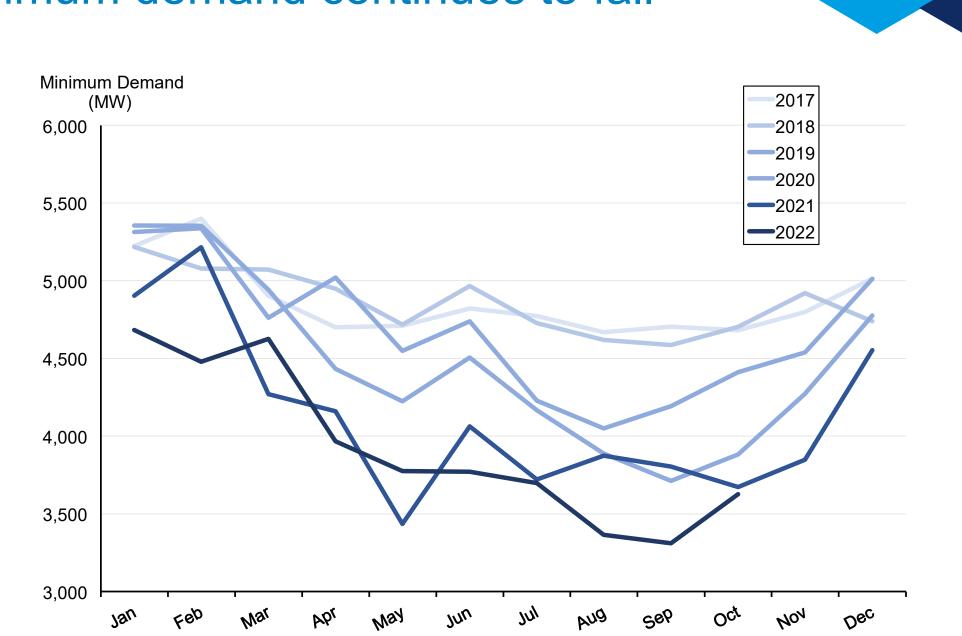




### Final total demand – total maximum 1 February 2022





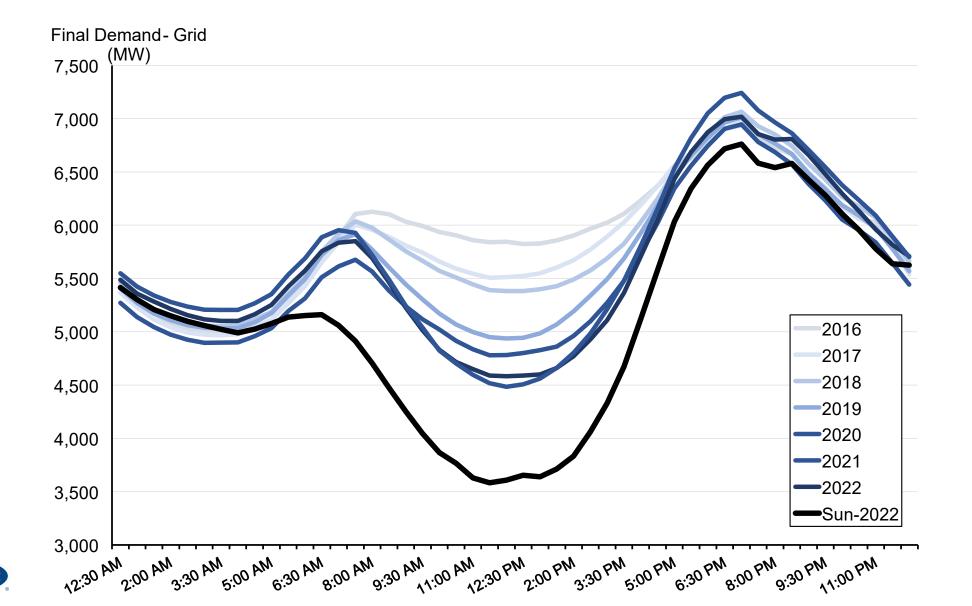


# Minimum demand continues to fall

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#### September average daily final (grid) demand

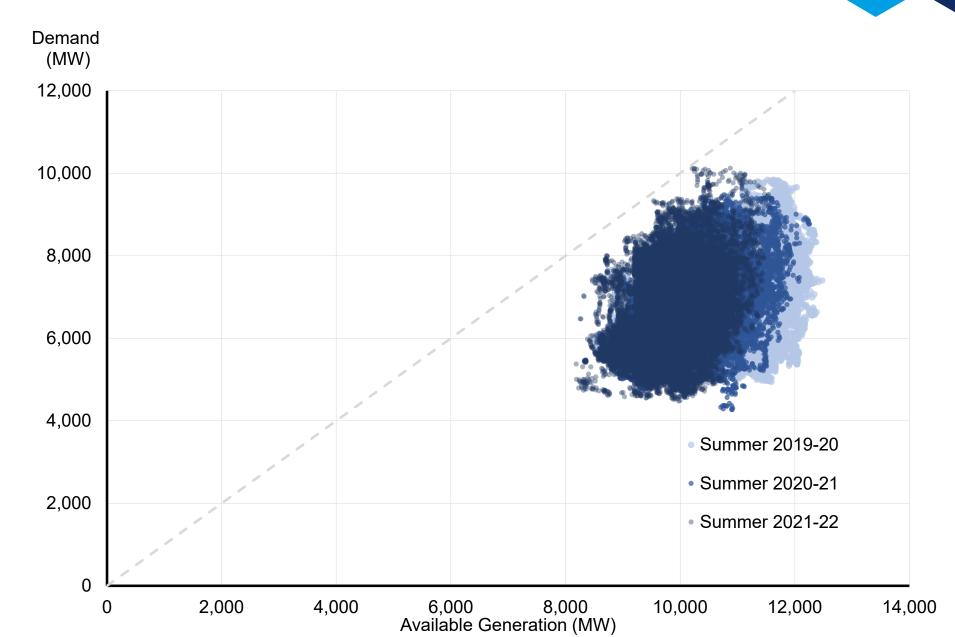
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## Generation plant reserve margin - falling

Power



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# **Prices**



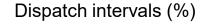
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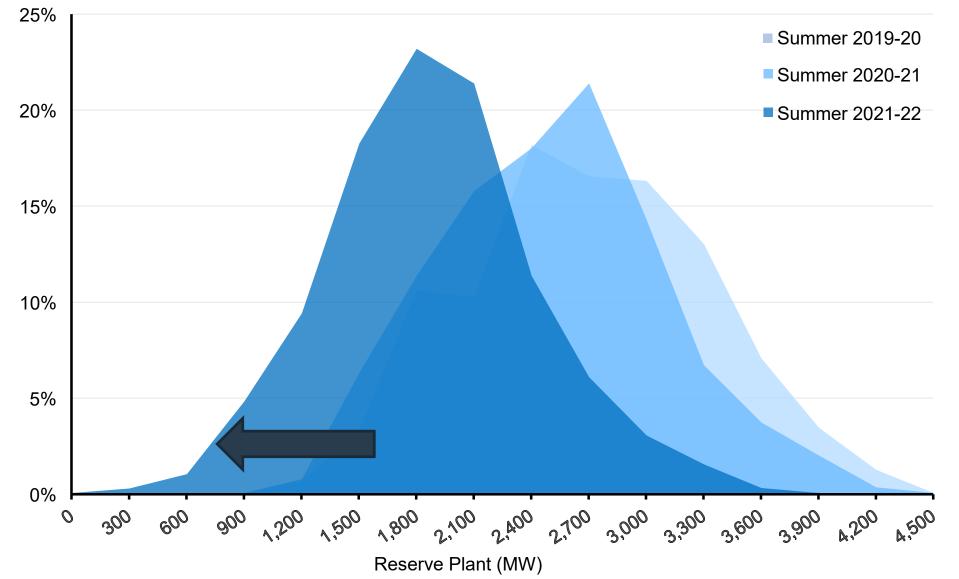
- Powerlink exists to serve Queenslanders
  - Committed to minimising power system costs and prices
  - Continuously monitor & refine assumptions
  - The Queensland Energy & Jobs Plan is a point-in-time plan
  - Any transmission investment must facilitate a lowering of whole-of-system costs via Cost Benefit Analysis
  - Ongoing commitment to market-led, user-pays Renewable Energy Zone model
- Wholesale market conditions remain complex



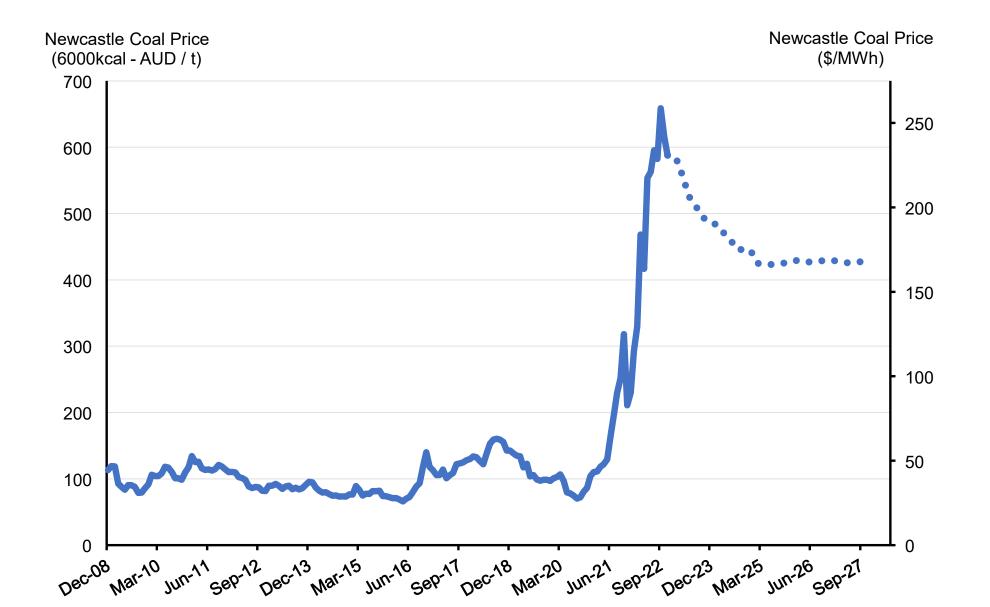
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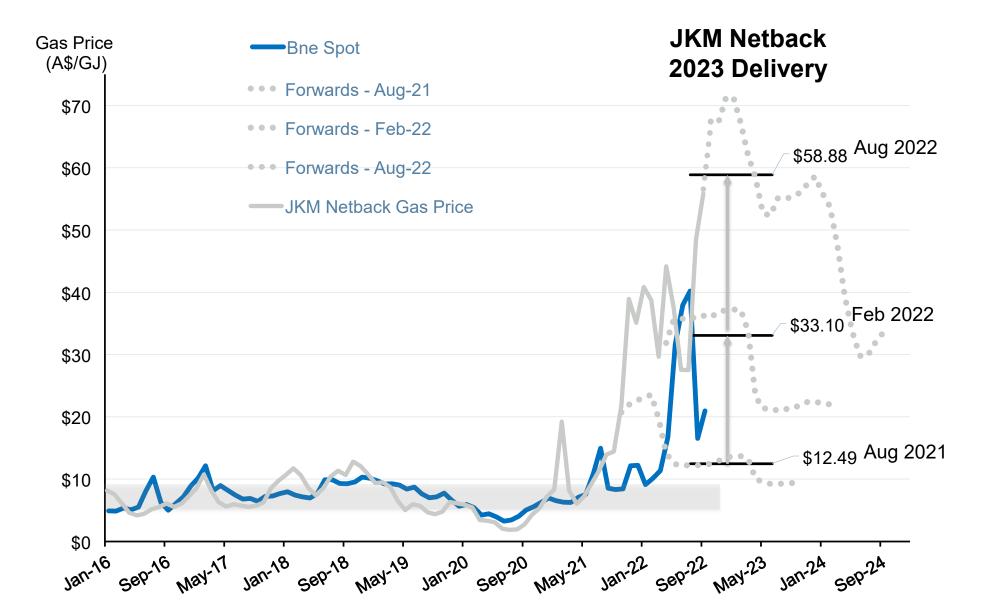


#### Thermal coal prices – record highs



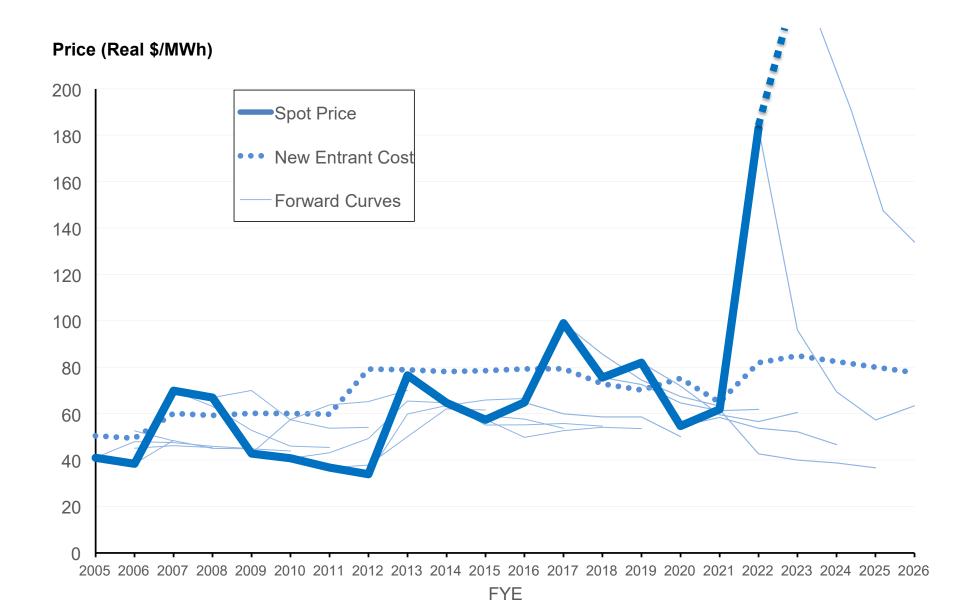


#### JKM Netback vs Spot Gas - high but structural break





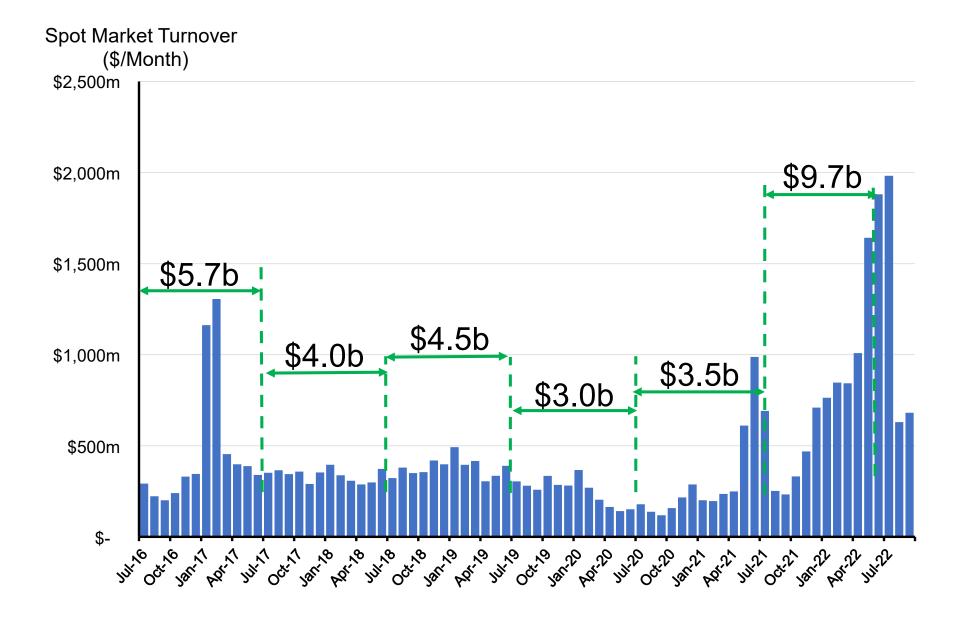
## Queensland spot & forward prices – (Real 2022\$)





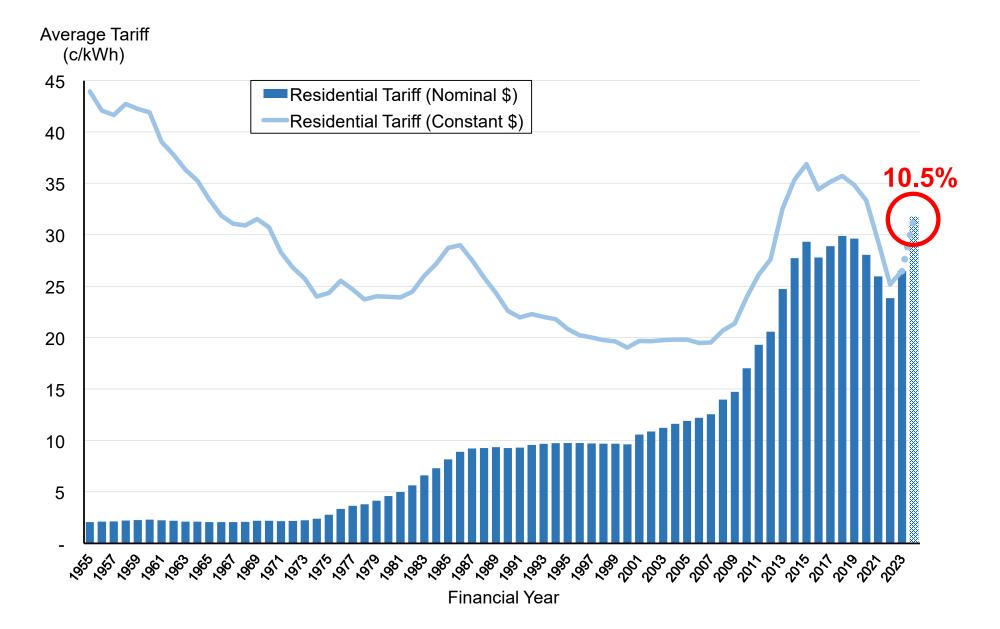
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### New highs - Queensland spot market turnover





## Queensland residential tariff (1955-2023 + 2024f)







# Investment



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#### QEJP key targets & objectives





Support growth of utility scale
BATTERY STORAGE





Power



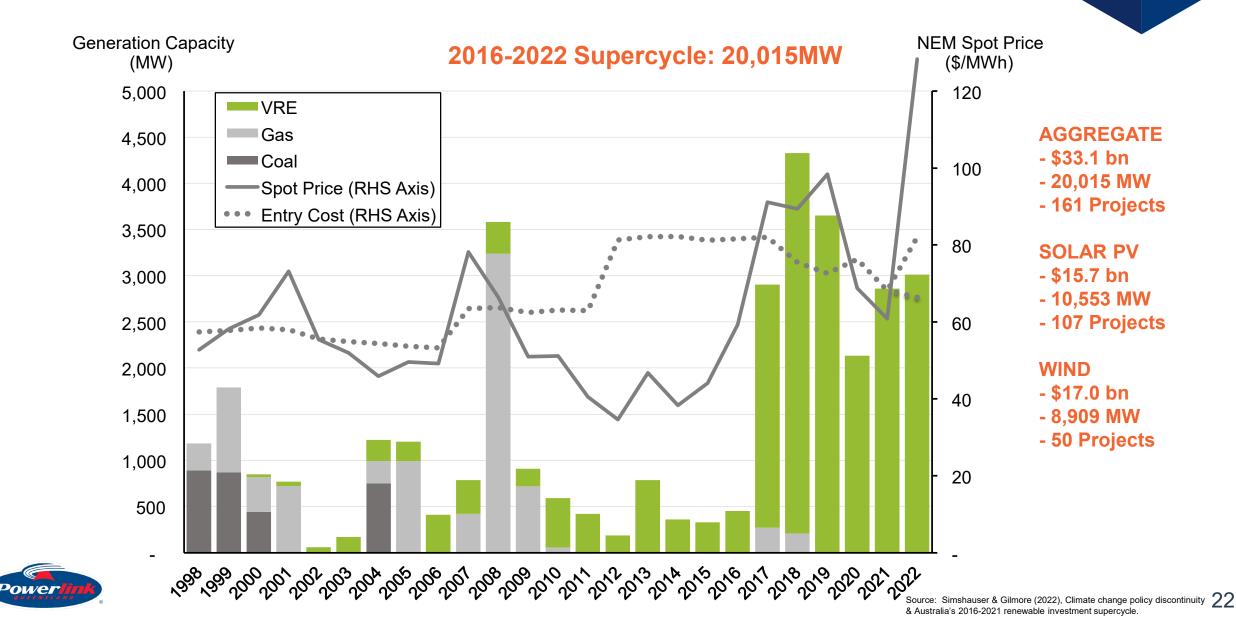


Connect an additional

WIND & SOLAR

in Queensland Renewable Energy Zones by 2035

#### The NEM's RE Investment Supercycle continues

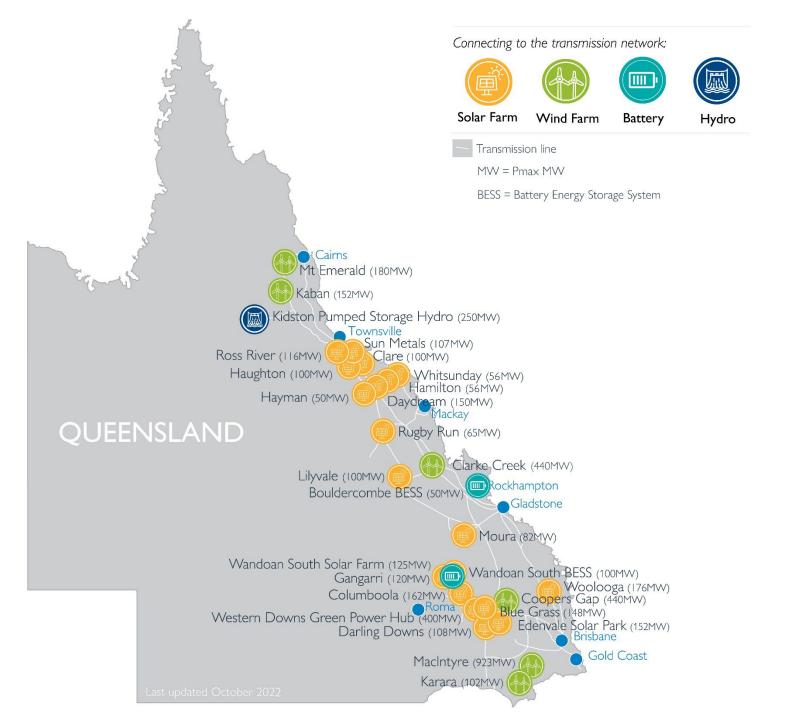


#### 28 renewable projects operational or under construction with combined maximum output of 5,020MW

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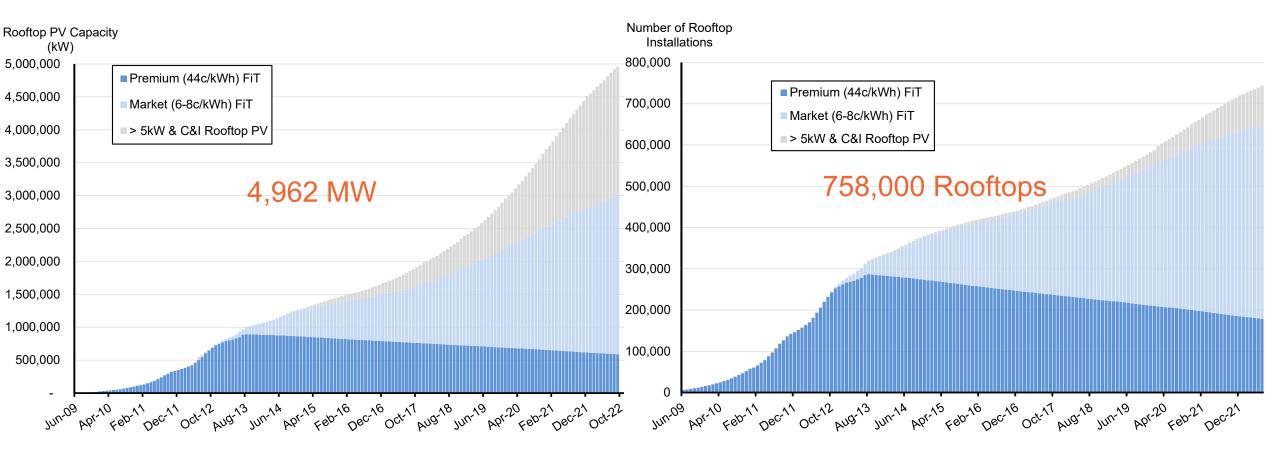
- Projects approaching financial close in 2022 combined output 680MW
- As at September 2022, 32 renewable applications are being processed representing ~11,000MW
- More than 30,000MW of renewable generation projects in initial project development stage





## **Queensland Rooftop PV**

#### Queensland household take-up rate = 43.5%. Highest in the world.



C&I = Commercial & Industrial

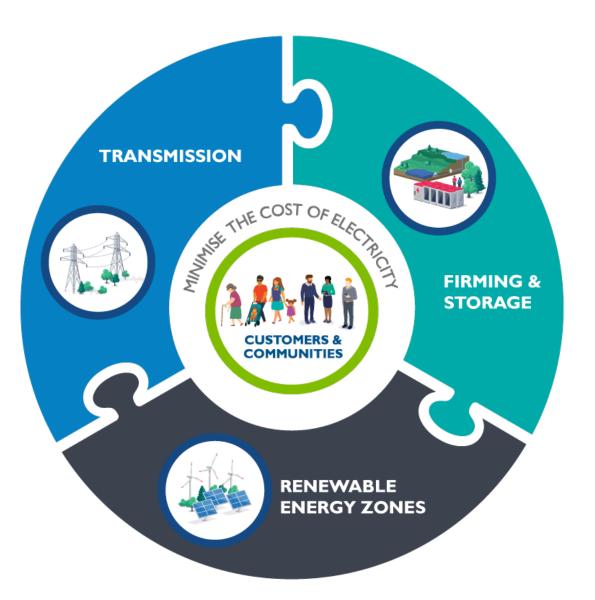




# SuperGrid

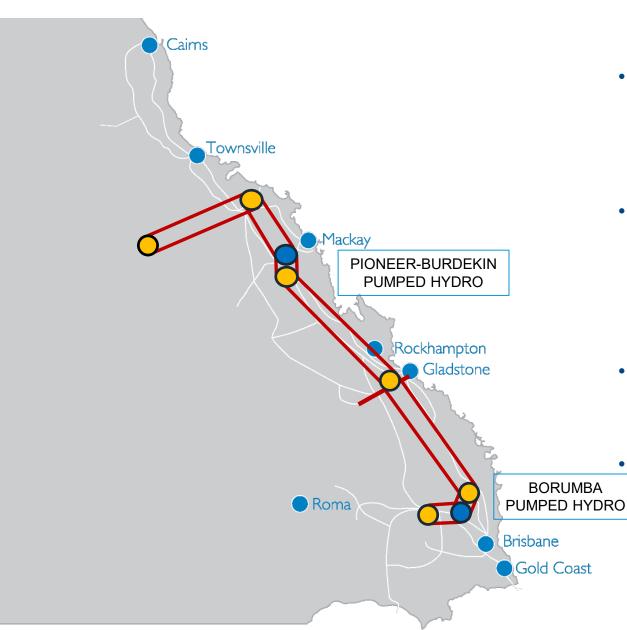


## Key interdependencies



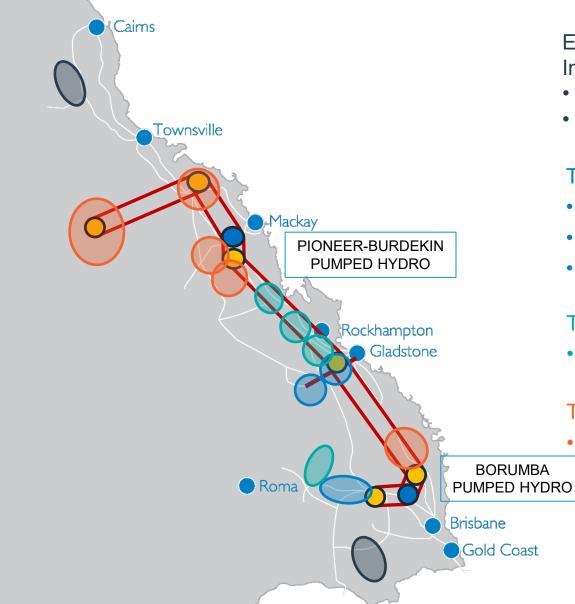


## Development of Queensland's SuperGrid



- Stage 1: Borumba Pumped Hydro transmission connection
  - Planned capacity of up to 2GW
  - Two connection points ~\$800M
  - Commissioning works in 2029
- Stage 2: Central Queensland Connection
  - 290 kilometre connection
  - Support Central Queensland REZ renewable generation developments
  - Commissioning planned in 2031
- Stage 3: Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro and North Queensland connection
  - Operational date in 2032
- Stage 4: Connection to Hughenden Area (Clean Energy Hub)
  - Commissioning planned in 2036

## Queensland REZs - Market Led!



Existing Renewables ~3,000MW Inflight REZ

- North Queensland REZ ~500MW
- Southern Downs REZ ~2,000MW

#### The first horizon of REZs - 2022 to 2024

- Western Downs REZ ~1,850MW
- Banana Range REZ ~1,500MW
- Fitzroy REZ ~1,800MW

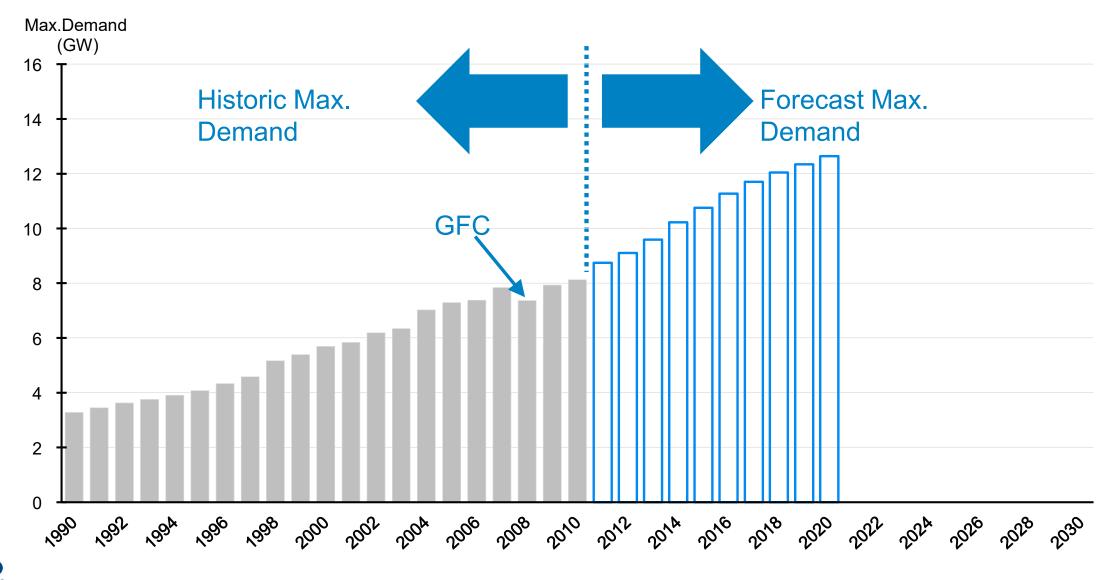
The second horizon of REZs – 2025 to 2029

• Total ~5,700MW

The third horizon of REZs - 2030 to 2035

Total ~9,200MW

# Challenges of load forecasting (2010 TAPR)



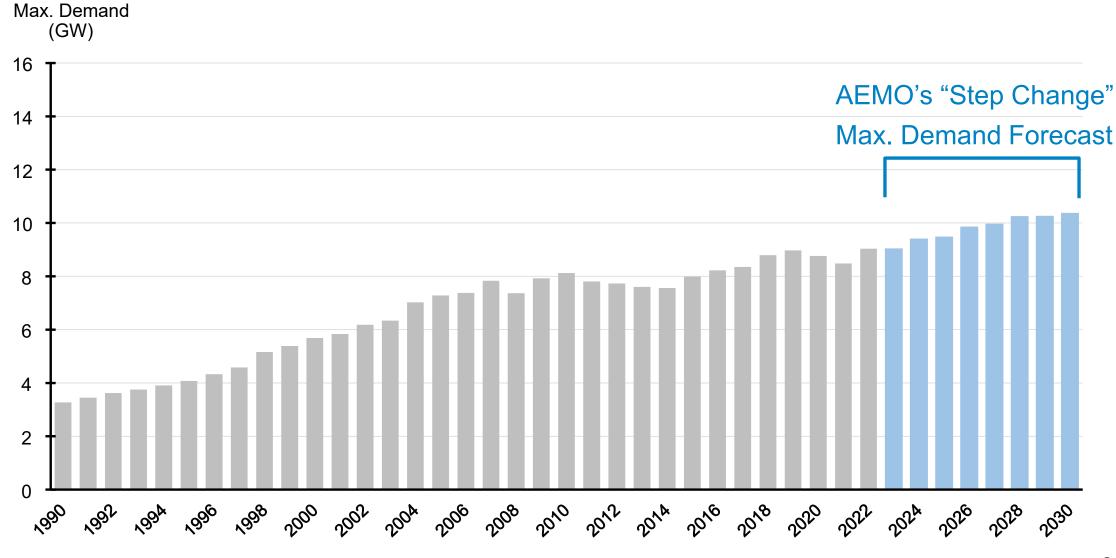


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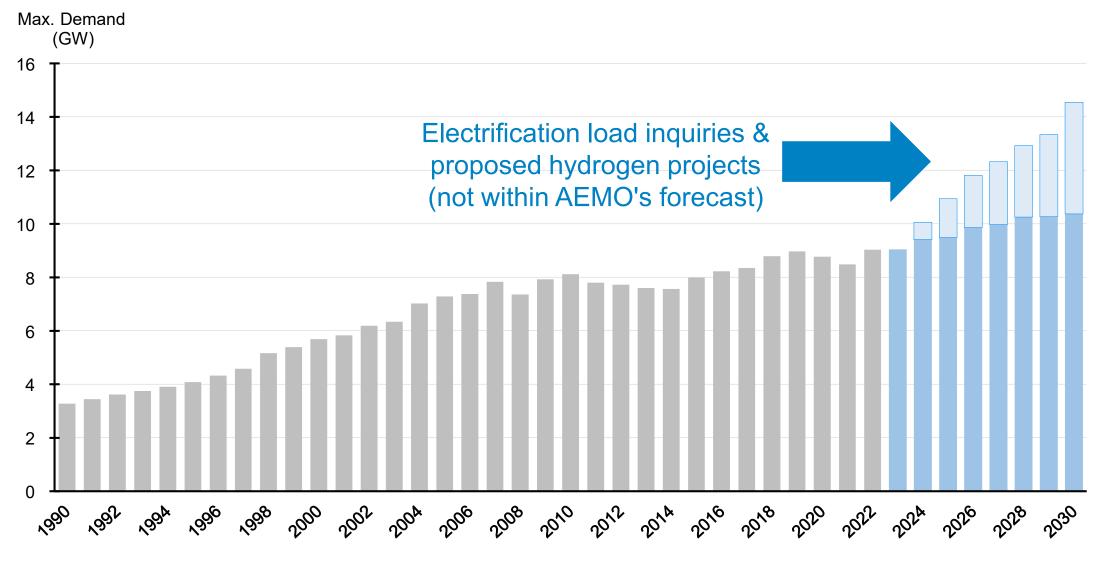


#### 2022 TAPR maximum demand forecast (grid-supplied)





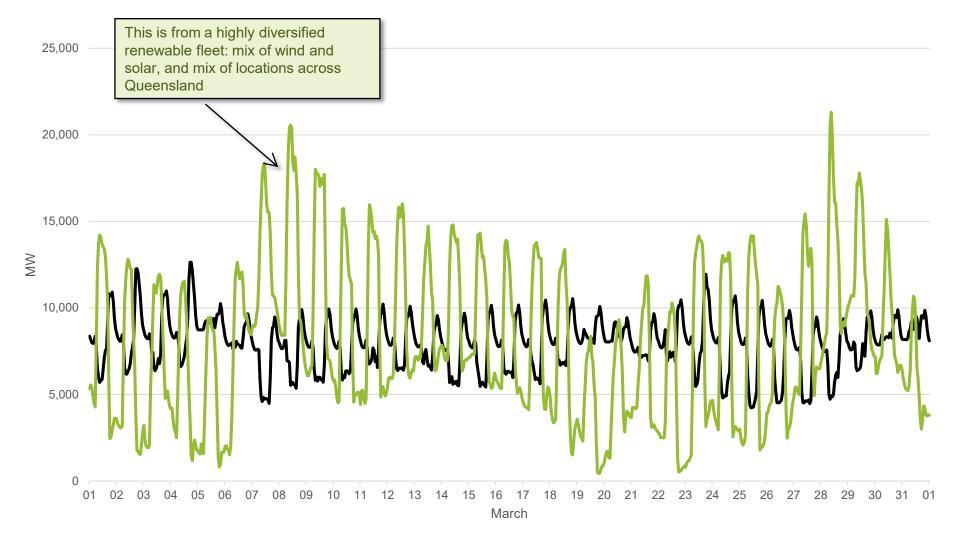
# Electrification inquiries & hydrogen projects



# **System operations in 2035**

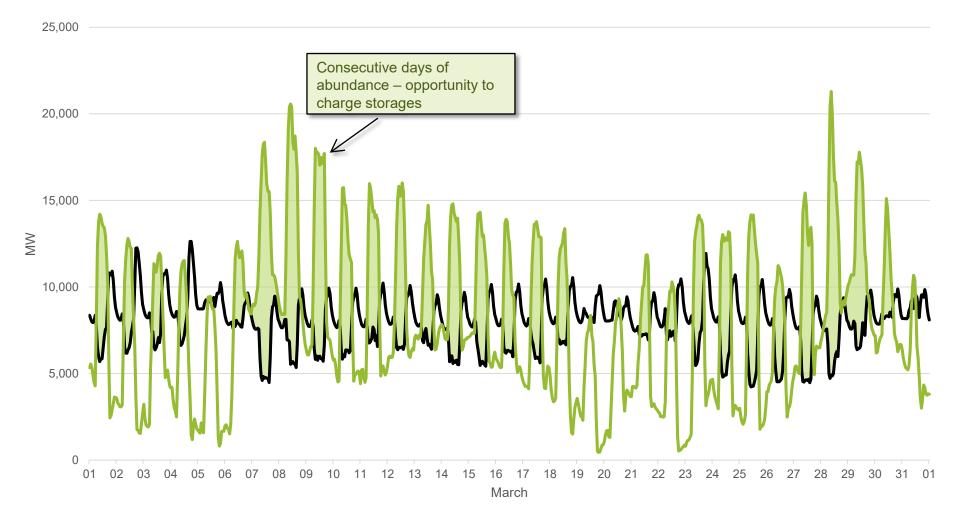


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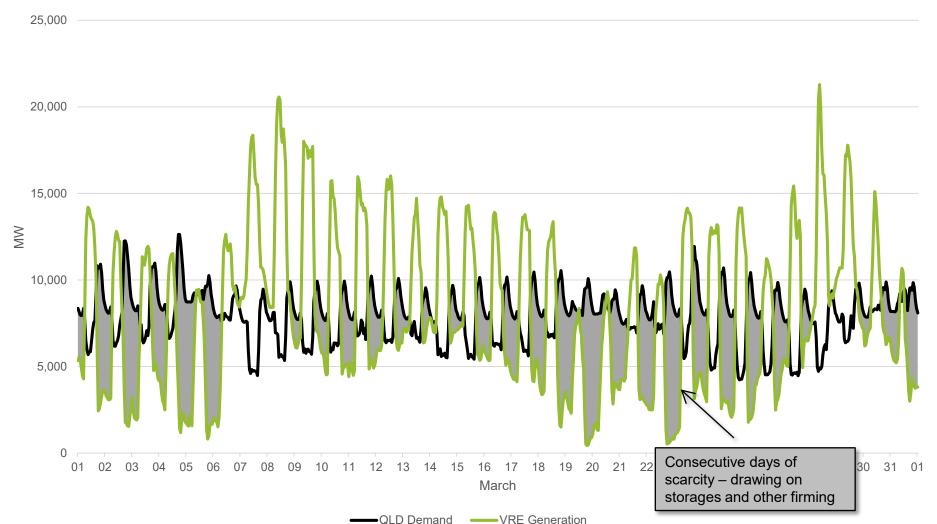
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-QLD Demand VRE Generation

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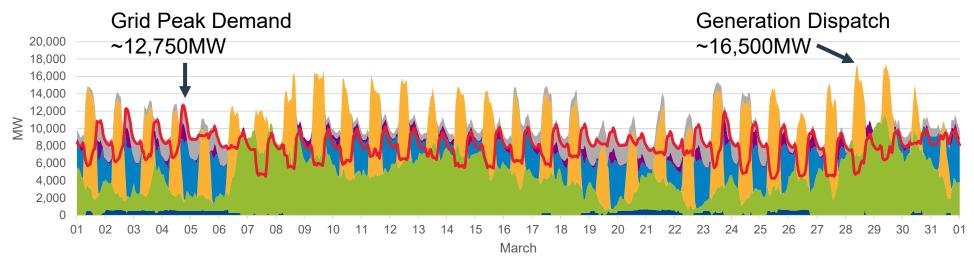




Exports

Hydrogen

Firming the supply to meet demand (simulation of March circa 2035)



Imports Wind Solar PV Hydro LS Battery / VPP Gas / liquid / H2 turbine — Demand

