## MANAGING A RENEWABLES GRID

An Australian Experience

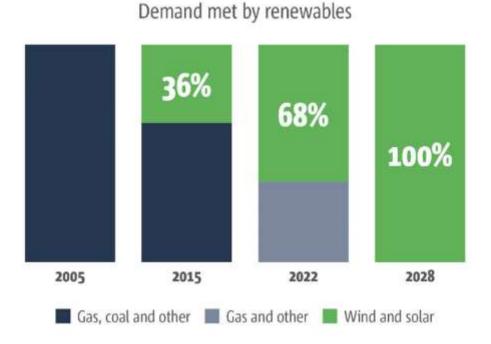
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#### **SETTING THE SCENE**

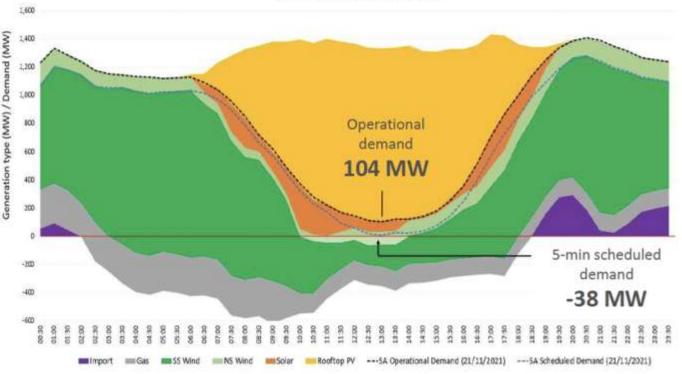
#### South Australia's profound transition to renewable electricity





#### **SETTING THE SCENE**

21 November 2021



All of South Australia's power comes from solar panels in world first for major jurisdiction

#### 77% rooftop solar PV



#### THE RISE OF ROOFTOP SOLAR



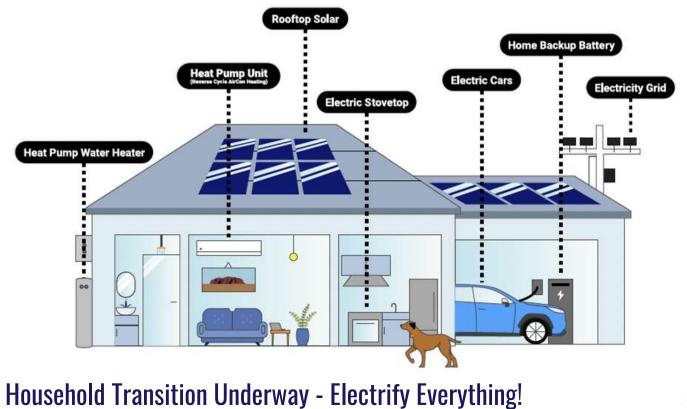
#### **3.5 million systems**

#### **60** million panels

Solar PV = 27GW



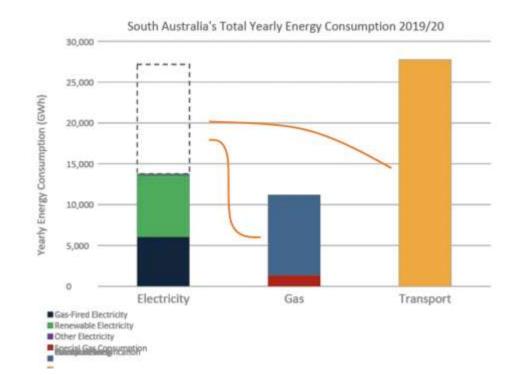
#### **KEY LESSONS FROM AUSTRALIA**





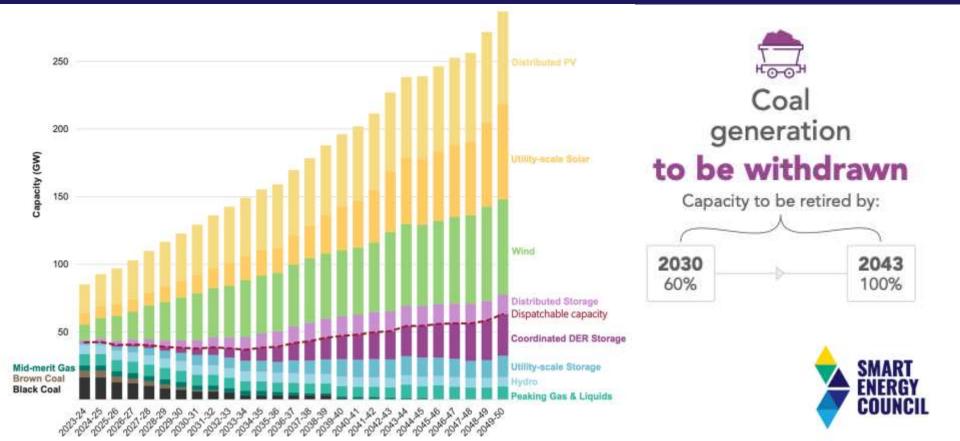
#### **ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING....**

#### However, this will require the distribution network to carry vastly more energy





#### SETTING THE SCENE - 82% BY 2030



#### **2 WAY ENERGY FLOWS**

#### We are seeing challenges on local networks

We currently impose a fixed 5kW export limit on solar PV systems

> Solar PV industry continuing strong growth

Excess exports cause parts of the network to become congested at certain times

Today's network can only host 1-2kW of export per customer

#### SAPN distribution network

### **Dynamic Exports**

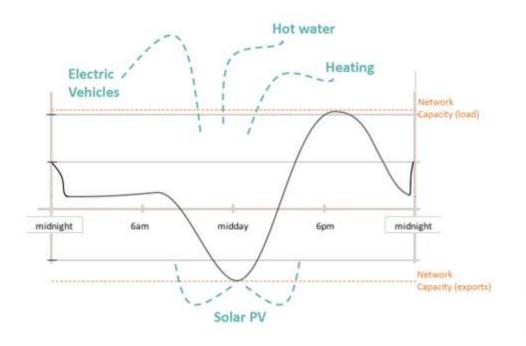
#### Solar Shut Off



1 in 3 residential customers

#### **'STUFF THE DUCK'**

#### Fill - our opportunity and challenge



- Our investment in capacity to meet air-conditioning demand means we have enough spare for ALL these new applications
- Our challenge is to fit this into the current network
- Doing so would increase energy throughput and lower costs
- However it's not trivial!

Encouraging supply and demand flexibility is key to an efficient renewable energy power system



#### **STORAGE, STORAGE, STORAGE**

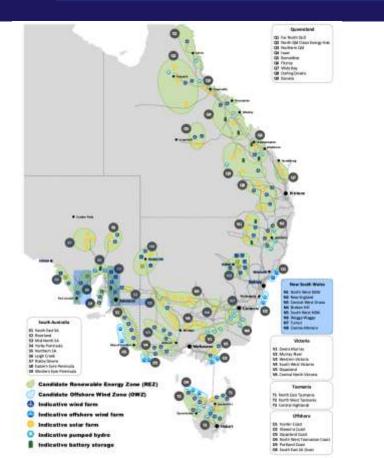


Utility Scale Batteries, hydro storage, Virtual Power Plants (VPP's)

640GWh by 2050



### **MASSIVE TRANSMISSION BUILD OUT**



#### Renewable energy zones

#### Wind/solar zones

#### **Integrated storage**

#### High voltage power lines



#### BUT THAT'S NOT ALL....

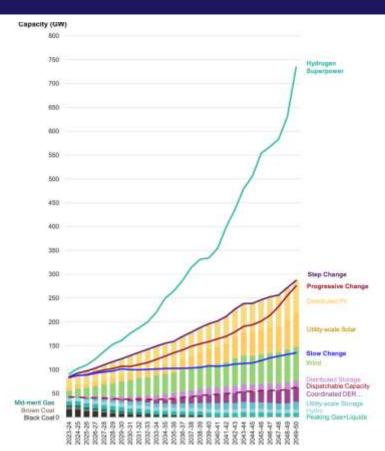


AUS vs GER

## **2.6 times** more!



#### **RENEWABLE HYDROGEN - THE WILDCARD**



#### Suncable

#### Asian Renewable Energy Hub



### ZERO CARBON CERTIFICATION SCHEME





#### **HYDROGEN AUSTRALIA – ZERO CARBON CERTIFICATION SECHEME**





#### **Green Hydrogen Catapult**



#### **EXPERT ADVISORY SERVICES**



Motherson – SMR: Renewable Hydrogen Scoping Study (Puneet Saim, Executive Vice President; Scott Hamilton, Hydrogen Australia; Andrew Clayton, SMR; Matt Harkness, SMR)



- Market, policy & project intelligence
- Introductions to technology partners
- Business development scoping studies
- Connecting with governments
- Sourcing public & private investment

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