

Community Information Booklet

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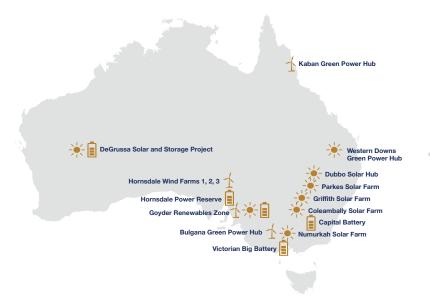
GLOBALLY

The company is headquartered in Paris, France, and has five Australian offices in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide and Perth.

We operate across renewable energy technologies including solar, wind and storage in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Australia.

Neoen's total capacity in operation and under construction is currently 5.4 GW and we are aiming for 10 GW by the end of 2025.





LOCALLY

Neoen Australia began operations in 2012. Over the last ten years, the company has initiated the development of more than 2.5 GW of solar and wind projects through organic growth, local partnerships and strategic acquisitions.







Neoen produce green electricity from renewable sources such as sunlight and wind using mature, tried and tested technologies. We are also leaders in energy storage.

DELIVERING CHEAPER ENERGY





ENERGY AUSTRALIA COLEAMBALLY SOLAR FARM

Providing energy output of 100 MW of the 150 MW solar farm for 12 years.





DEGRUSSA MINING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DeGrussa is the largest off-grid solar battery storage project in Australia. It powers a gold and copper mine in remote WA. Commissioned in June 2016, it provides a solar and storage solution to the majority of the mine's daytime electricity requirements, offsetting up to 20% of total diesel consumption annually.







COLES

AUSTRALIA-WIDE

Coles has signed an agreement that will source largescale generation certificates (LGCs) from Neoen's portfolio of renewables located across New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. The deal will help Coles towards its target of 100% renewable energy by 2025.



NEOEN

WORLD'S FIRST BIG BATTERY HORNSDALE POWER RESERVE







FIRST STAGE TOOK LESS THAN SIX MONTHS TO BUILD

- 150MW Lithium-ion battery located next to Hornsdale Wind Farm
- Owned and operated by Neoen
- Installed and maintained by Tesla

- Provides grid stability services
- Saved SA energy consumers over \$150 million in its first two years
- Now testing grid scale inertia services in a world-first

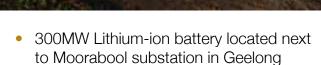


REDUCES RISK OF BLACKOUT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA



AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST BIG BATTERY VICTORIAN BIG BATTERY











TOOK LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS TO BUILD



- Enabling more wind and solar, now the cheapest forms of power
- Allowing more power to flow into the state, increasing competition and pushing electricity prices down
- Helping to avoid blackouts and the associated costs







EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT & CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR



Electrical

Electricians
Electrical Trade Assistants



Civil & Mechanical

Civil
Concreters
Dump Truck
Excavator
Foreman/
Supervisor
Forklift and/or
Telehandler

General Labour
Grader
Loader
Mechanical Fitter
Roller
Trade Assistant
Trucks
Watercarts



Substation

Administration
Equipment Maintenance

SUPPLIER OPPORTUNITIES

Goods and services we expect to be procured:

Accommodation

Cleaners

Crane (minor lifts)

Concreters

Concrete supply (offsite supply)

Earthworks plant (wet and dry hire)

Fencing and gates

Food and catering service

Freight

Fuel

Material testing

Mechanical fitter/maintenance

Operation and maintenance facility construction

Quarry products

Safety Products (local)

Septic pump out services

Small equipment hire

Transport (minor)

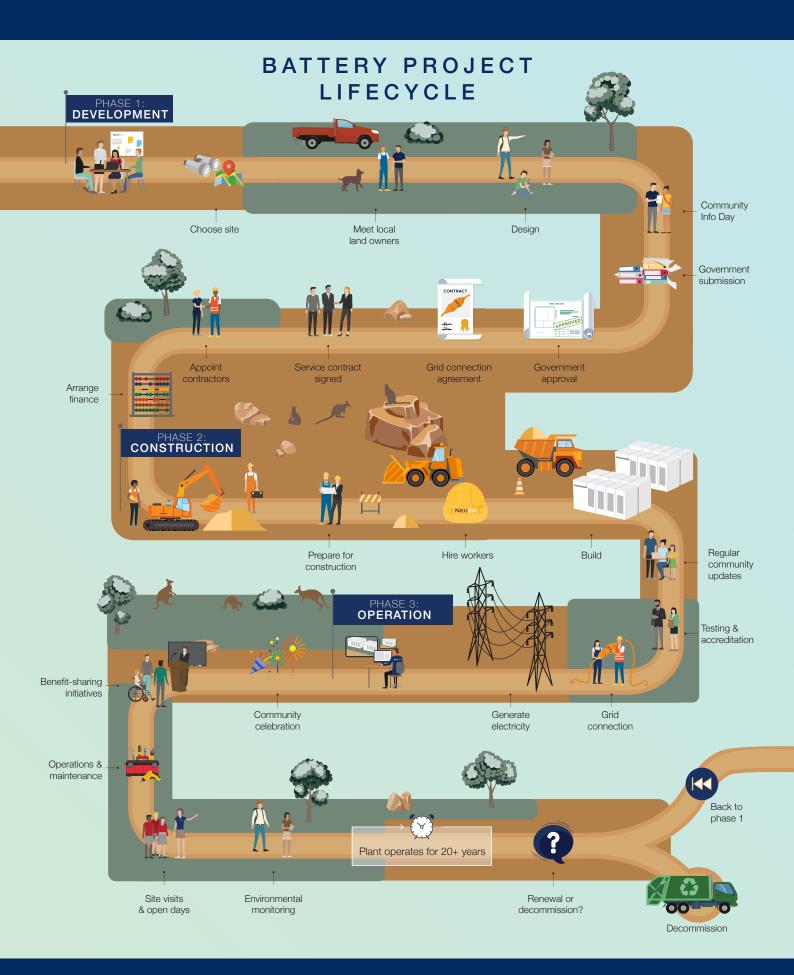
Waste management (liquid and solid)

Water (construction and potable)

Welding & engineering fabrication (site services)

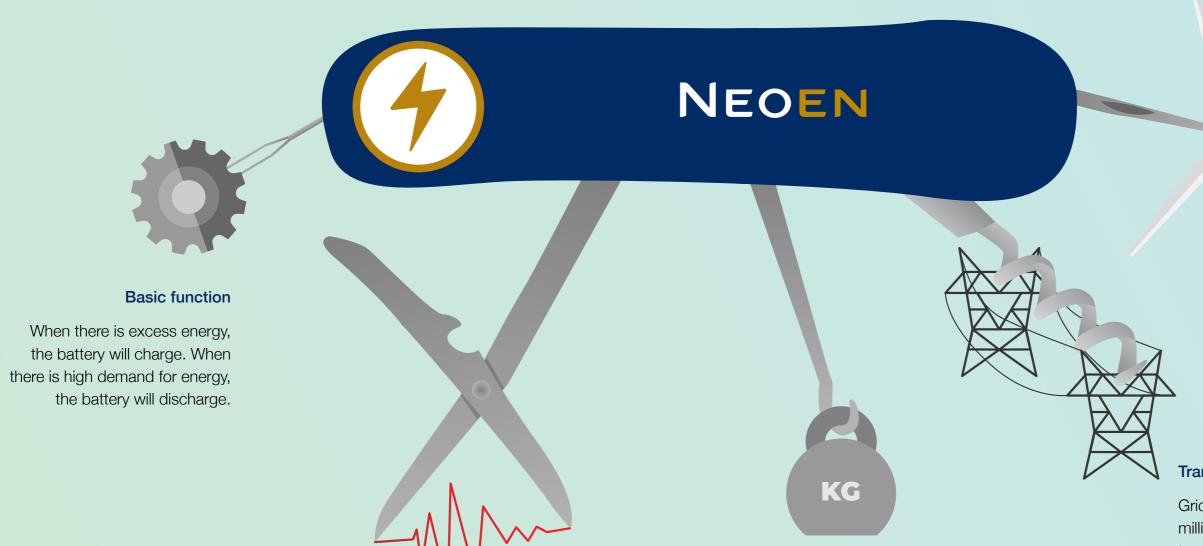
Anyone interested in working on the project, can register their interest via the 'work with us' page on the project website.

In the pre-construction period, we will hold a Local Employment and Supplier Networking session.





WHAT CAN A BIG BATTERY DO?



Frequency support

To maintain the stability of the system, the grid requires frequency control services. The battery discharges electrical power into the network in response to frequency changes. The battery can lower the cost of these service markets which could result in lower electricity prices for everyday consumers.

Transmission network support

Grid-scale batteries can provide dynamic millisecond responses so existing transmission lines can operate at full capacity. Like adding another lane to a freeway, the battery can unlock additional capacity on existing transmission networks - saving customers millions of dollars in

Firming renewables

Grid-scale batteries can store wind and solar energy, then discharge it when the wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't

shining. The Collie Battery aims to be an essential component in the stable

transition to clean electricity.

expensive transmission line upgrades.

Inertia

Like a cruise control button in your car, inertia services are a way of maintaining stability of the grid. The advanced power inverters associated with a big battery can emulate the inertia services that are currently provided by an ageing fleet of fossil fuel power plants. This service is currently being trialled at our Hornsdale Power Reserve in South Australia.

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COLLIE BATTERY FACTS & FIGURES



Up to

power capacity

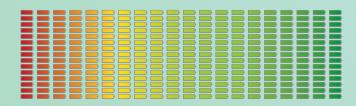
Likely to be built in stages of 200 MW each



Up to 4,000 MWh

energy storage

an industrial amount of energy, discharges quickly on demand



Up to

300,000x

more capacity than a household battery

BATTERY TECHNOLOGY

Battery packs are enclosed in custom designed, dust and waterproof 'cabinets' made of galvanised steel. Cabinet colour is white or light coloured to assist with heat management and each cabinet has its own internal thermal management system.

Will conform to electricity industry standards

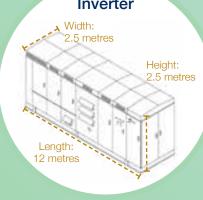
Will use an industrial inverter to convert DC power to AC when discharging (vice versa when charging)



Likely to be lithium-ion battery packs enclosed in steel cabinets, similar to shipping containers

Will meet all safety and bushfire risk requirements

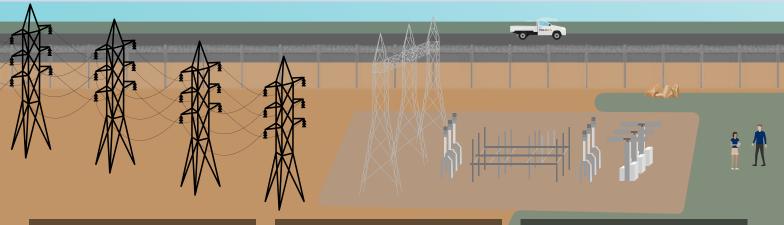




Battery brand to be determined

Inverters are made from galvanised steel, and may exist as one single 20ft container or a few outdoor cabinets on concrete slabs.

CHOOSING THE SITE



1) Good grid location

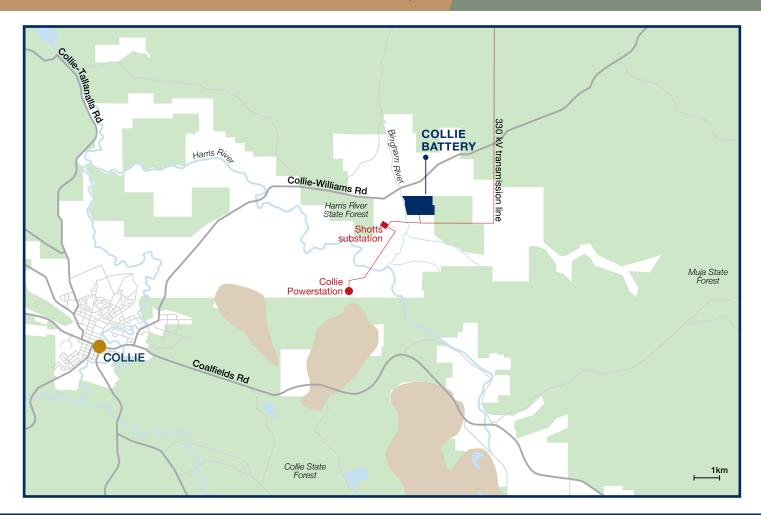
The Collie Battery will be located approximately 13km north-east of Collie – 4km north-east of the Collie Power Station.

2) Proximity to substation

It will connect into the Shotts Terminal substation at 330kV. The close proximity to the substation minimises electrical connection infrastructure, increasing performance and reducing costs.

3) Site history

Studies of the proposed site location have found little to no presence of significant ecology systems, reducing potential impacts on the local environment.





WE OWN & OPERATE OUR PROJECTS

Collie Battery

The Collie Battery will be managed from Neoen's 24/7 Operational Control Centre in the Canberra, which currently operates our 14 existing projects across Australia. This office coordinates with local maintenance contractors for safe, effective and compliant operations.

Neoen's Portfolio

Neoen develops renewable energy projects to own and operate them – not to on-sell them. With over 2.5 GW of operating projects connected to Australia's National Electricity Market (NEM), our asset and operations team play an important role in managing our power plants.

Neoen has also recently submitted a Development Application for a <u>200MW battery at Muchea in WA</u>.



Our Operational Control Centre will oversee our interactions with the wholesale electricity market (WEM): a wholesale electricity market in the Southwest Interconnected System.

The WEM commenced operation in September 2006. Its purpose is to supply electricity to homes and businesses in the South West of Western Australia efficiently and securely (through the South West Interconnected System or SWIS). Electricity retailers purchase electricity from generators either directly or indirectly through the WEM.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS





Community benefit fund

The funds would be allocated to local community projects through a competitive annual grants process.



Educational resources

Develop educational resources for local schools to support learning about renewables and our future energy system.



Local tourism

Develop a local tourism initiative centred on batteries or renewable energy



Local jobs

The project will require many construction jobs and a number of full-time ongoing positions.



Tell us your ideas

To submit your ideas, please fill out our online survey: surveymonkey.com/r/colliebattery



ABOUT STORAGE

Q1. How long will it take to build the battery?

Construction of the Collie Battery will take around 12-18 months.

Q2. How big will it be?

The Collie Battery could be as large as 1 GW, though it is likely to be built in separate stages of 200 MW each. Once completed, a 200 MW battery and associated infrastructure takes up to 5 hectares of land and a 1 GW battery requires about 25 hectares of land. The battery cubicles are normally around 2.5 meters tall.

Q3. Where will it be located and why?

The Collie Battery will be located near the existing Shotts substation, approximately 13km northeast of Collie.

The land is ideal because it is flat, in a rather isolated area and very close to the Substation.

The Collie Battery will support in stabilising the grid and the increasing number of renewable projects in WA.

Q4. What technology is being used for the project?

The Collie Battery will utilise Lithium-Ion batteries and associated equipment from leading manufacturers. These manufacturers are selected through a competitive tender process.

The facility will be an orderly arrangement of battery cabinets, inverters and control systems including electrical and data cabling. The battery packs are enclosed in custom designed, dust and waterproof 'cabinets' made of steel. The cabinet colour will be white, or light coloured to assist with heat management and each cabinet has its own internal thermal management system.

Q5. What is the life cycle of the Battery?

Current battery technology comes with an industry-leading 20-year warranty. The batteries will still retain the majority of their capacity during this period and will be capable of operating beyond it depending on market conditions and other factors.

Q6. How does it work?

The Collie Battery will store energy in times of high production and release energy in times of high demand, similar to how a battery on a home solar system works. It will also help to stabilise the grid in a few different ways – it has an emergency response mode to prevent blackouts and it can maintain voltage and frequency levels.

Q7. What are the benefits of battery energy storage?

In making the transition from fossil fuels to renewables, the ability to store and dispatch energy will play a key role. Pumped hydro is an example of longer-term storage that is suitable for storing energy and releasing it over days or weeks. However, pumped hydro has a relatively slow 'ramping' time and is less suitable for providing rapid-response services to grid contingency events such as outages or heat waves (with high demand created by air-conditioning). Battery storage, such as lithium-ion technology, fills this key short-term response role.

These are some of the functions a grid-scale lithium-ion battery may be expected to perform:

- Network security services including Frequency Control Ancillary Services, and Network Loading Control Ancillary Services
- System Restart Ancillary Services
- Arbitrage (spot market trading)
- Peak shaving
- Block/load shifting
- Renewable firming and smoothing
- Virtual inertia

Many of these services have been provided by coal and gas generators in the past. But as they close down, battery energy storage can, and is, being used to deliver these critical services.

ECONOMIC

Q8. Who will pay for it?

The project will be privately financed by Neoen.

Q9. How is the battery reducing costs for consumers?

Collie Battery can reduce costs for consumers in three ways:

- 1. supporting more wind and solar, which are now the cheapest forms of power
- 2. increasing competition in ancillary markets which lowers (or reduces) electricity prices
- 3. helping to avoid blackouts and the associated costs

Q10. Will local jobs be created?

It is expected the Collie Battery will create a significant volume of construction jobs and a number of full-time ongoing positions.

We will also provide opportunities for local suppliers, businesses, schools, and community groups.

LOCAL

Q11. I live nearby – what impact will this have on me?

During construction, we expect some localised traffic, noise, and dust impacts. However, we will be managing these to minimise them as much as possible. Following installation, the battery will be visible at the site and will look like an enclosure of white containers.

Q12. How will construction impact the surrounding area?

As with most projects of this size, there will be some impacts during construction. We will work with the community, neighbours, and council to minimise these impacts.

Q13. How can I have my say on the project?

We will be working with the community throughout the project to understand local concerns and aspirations, and ensure we minimise any impacts. We encourage the community to provide feedback through completing the survey.





SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT

Q14. What approvals are required for the project?

The project requires a development permit from the Shire of Collie and Development Assessment Panels

Q15. Will the battery increase the risk of fire?

The Collie Battery will meet all relevant standards for fire safety, and we are working with the local fire authority to ensure the project also meets their requirements.

Q16. What happens to the batteries when they reach the end of their life?

We make a commitment that all above-ground infrastructure will be removed, and the site rehabilitated when the project ceases to operate. After removal, a large percentage of the material in the batteries will be reclaimed or recycled; over 60% of materials especially critical minerals will be recovered for re-use.

Q17. Are there any health risks?

The Collie Battery is using similar technology to the batteries that are being increasingly installed in homes, just on a larger scale. There are no known health risks associated with properly maintained large-scale battery installations.

Q18. Is the project reducing air quality?

Monitoring of dust levels during construction is a basic requirement of each project. Dust generating activities are assessed during windy conditions and are stopped and rescheduled where adequate control of dust generation cannot be achieved.

Visual observation of machinery is undertaken during site inspections in addition to daily prestart checks which ensure all machinery has appropriate emission control devices, is in good working order and is maintained correctly.



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