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ENERGY

Waratah battery gains wholesale trading access

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A revised contract lets the 850 MW/1,680 MWh battery trade when its reserved reliability service is unnecessary. Revenue sharing aims to reduce customer costs.

Government declines Q1 gas-supply intervention

Department of Industry, Science and Resources | 2026-10-09

The resources ministry forecasts a 5-15 PJ east-coast gas surplus for January-March 2027 and declines intervention. Expected supply depends on uncontracted exports.

Origin seeks approval for Eraring North battery

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Origin seeks approval for a 500 MW/4,942 MWh addition at Eraring. Construction is targeted for 2028, with commercial operation planned for 2031.

Wind construction starts exceed 2.5 GW in 2026

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Construction starts at Goyder North (346 MW) and Palmer (288 MW) took Rystad's reported national 2026 total to 2,532 MW, according to RenewEconomy.

Squadron scales back Ballyrogan wind proposal

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Planning documents reduce Ballyrogan from a 1.3 GW concept to 690 MW and up to 115 turbines. Federal approval and grid connection remain outstanding.

Aula seeks Wellington North battery approval

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Aula proposes an approximately 365 MW/1.8 GWh battery beside Wellington North's operating solar farm, requiring about A\$350 million. Public submissions closed on 7 October.

UNSW reports 23.5% perovskite submodule efficiency

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Researchers reported 23.5% efficiency for a 30-by-30-centimetre perovskite submodule using a new stability approach. Patents are pending; outdoor durability and manufacturing scale remain unresolved.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Firmus withdraws planned stock-market flotation

iNews / Reuters | 2026-10-09

Firmus shelved its IPO after investor feedback, Reuters reports. Its Australian AI-factory expansion remains planned, alongside two operating facilities in Melbourne and Singapore.

Varda gains Koonibba capsule-return approvals

Australian Space Agency | 2026-10-09

The Australian Space Agency granted Varda return authorisations on 8 October for capsules expected to land at Koonibba Test Range. Approvals cover future returns.

Health cloud contracts total A\$32.8 million

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New reporting identifies A\$32.8 million in federal health Google Cloud platform contracts. Accenture, NTT, Deloitte and Google support delivery, largely extending to mid-2027.

INTELLIGENCE

AI Safety Institute releases oversight research

Department of Industry, Science and Resources | 2026-10-08

Australia's AI Safety Institute released CSIRO research on AI systems influencing overseers while answering correctly. The study introduces evaluation frameworks, benchmarks and metrics.

EasyPark deploys AI lead-qualification agent

iNews / Digital Nation | 2026-10-09

EasyPark's ANZ director described Parker, its first production Agentforce use case. It qualifies potential business customers from parking behaviour and supports sales staff.