

VRFB energy storage cost breakdown in Australia 2030

Is there a future for energy storage in Australia?

There is more to come. As demand for energy storage grows, new solutions are rapidly emerging. Compressed air, thermal energy and redox flow batteries are just some of the alternative forms of long duration energy storage available in Australia.

How do VRFB systems store energy?

VRFB systems store energy using two vanadium redox couples (V^{2+}/V^{3+} in the negative and V^{4+}/V^{5+} in the positive half-cells). The chemicals are dissolved in sulfuric acid electrolyte solutions, which are pumped through the fuel cell stack, while ion exchange occurs across the membrane.

What is a VRFB & how does it work?

A key characteristic of VRFBs is the relative physical ease of markedly expanding their energy duration capability. This duration is predominantly a product of the volume of electrolyte contained in the storage tanks.

What types of energy storage are available in Australia?

Compressed air, thermal energy and redox flow batteries are just some of the alternative forms of long duration energy storage available in Australia. These technologies bring remarkable energy carrying capabilities, helping to maintain reliability while minimising the cost of the transition.

How long does a VRFB last?

8 to 12 hours, depending on tank size. Existing assets range from 60MWh to 400MWh. VRFBs can scale easily to provide additional energy as this is largely dependent on increasing tank size / electrolyte volume. 60% - 85%. Moderate to high RTE, dictated by the cell voltage of the chemistry, the pumping layout and shunt current.

How can renewable storage technology transform Australia?

Renewable storage technologies have the potential to revolutionise clean and reliable energy access in remote communities, support cost-effective decarbonisation in industry and transform Australia into a green hydrogen export superpower.

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