



# Climate Resilient Net Zero Mining

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# Speaker

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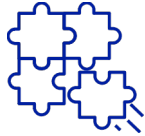
Oceania leader – Climate Risk

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Amy is the Oceania Leader of Climate Risk for ENGIE Impact's team based in Perth. With over 10 years' experience, Amy has provided advisory services in a broad range of sustainability areas, specialising in climate risk and decarbonisation over the last 5 years. The types of projects have ranged from assessing the physical risks resulting from global warming under different emission scenarios, through to establishing decarbonisation targets and trajectories, and evaluating the technology types required to meet these.

# ENGIE Impact accelerates sustainability transformation and aims to capture the full business value of sustainability



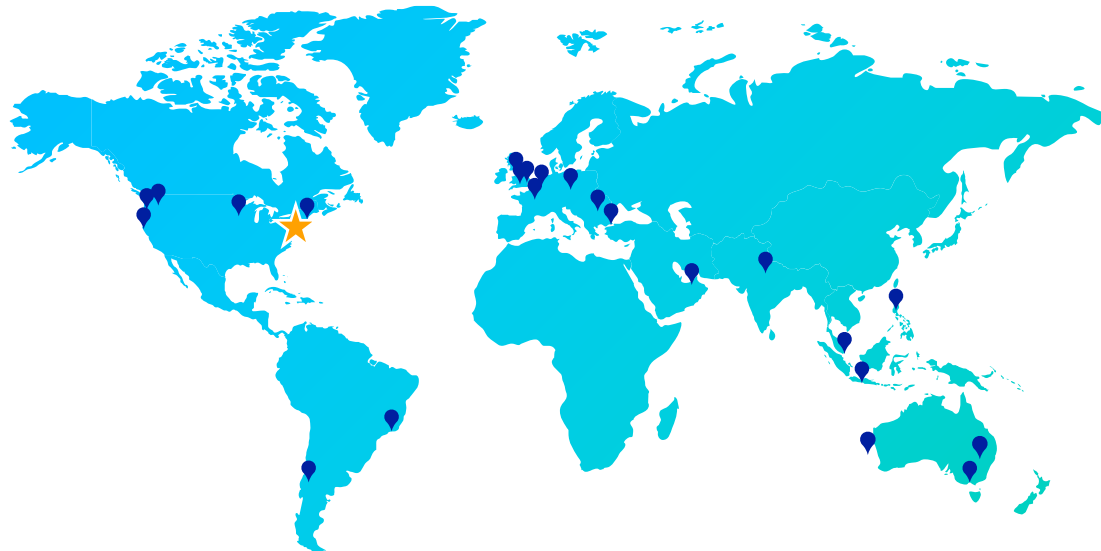
Global Presence  
& Local Experience



Strategy, Business,  
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& Digital Capabilities



Implementation  
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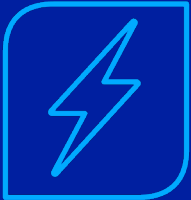
<b>2,200+</b> Employees globally	<b>1,000+</b> Corporate, city & government clients
<b>22</b> 📍 Offices Worldwide	<b>25%</b> of the corporate's clients in Fortune 500
<b>1,000,000</b> Sites under management	

**Clients**

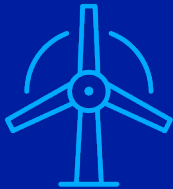
**Tier 1 gold and mixed  
commodities mining**

# Mine: Location context

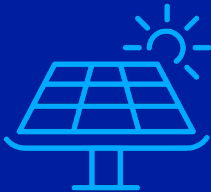
**Load**  
~70MW



**Wind**  
~160MW



**Solar**  
~150MW

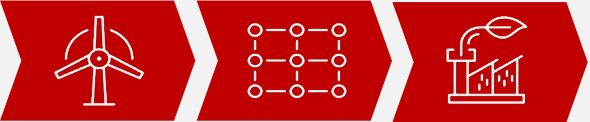

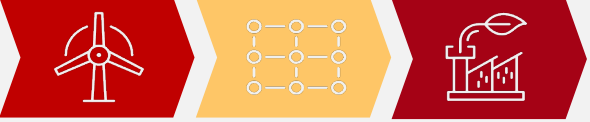


**Battery**  
~100MW  
4 hr duration



# Threats from climate extremes

Cyclone, severe convective winds, flooding, extreme heat and bushfires all provide increased risk of inefficiency and total outage.

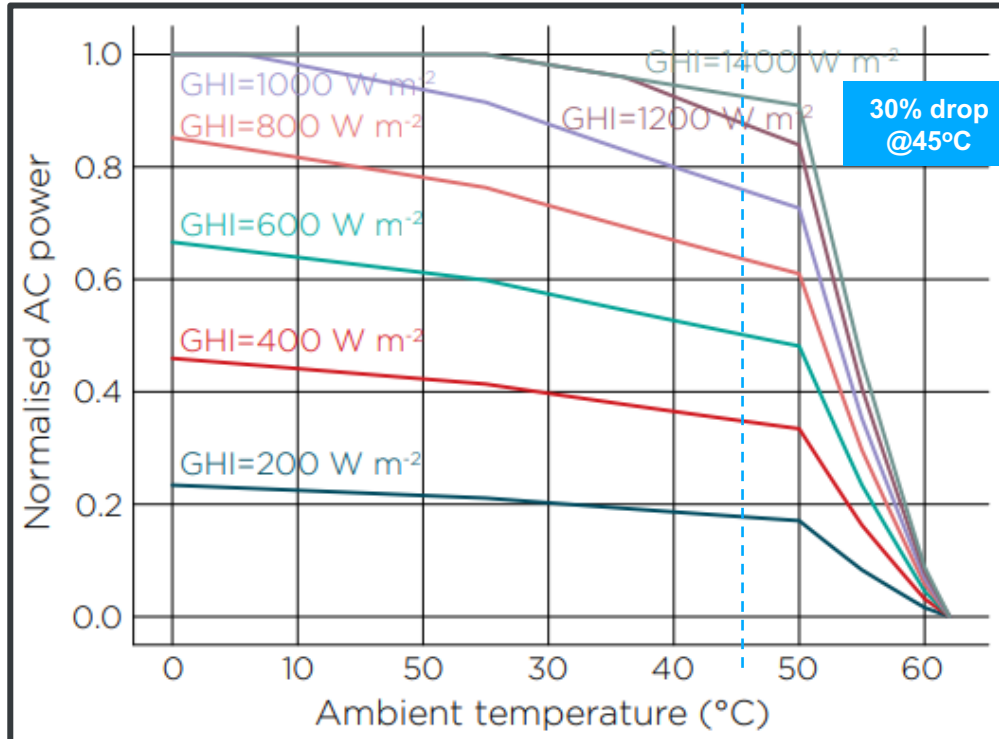
Hazard	Projection	Energy system component	Description
Cyclones and extreme wind	Low confidence in frequency / high confidence in magnitude		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Severe convective winds cause catastrophic tower failures</b>, this has occurred in the South-East region of Australia.</li> <li>• <b>Severe wind events</b>, often associated with cyclones, can <b>cause transmission towers to fail</b>, potentially impacting any nearby roads or dwellings.</li> </ul>
Bushfires (fire weather)	High confidence of increase		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bushfires</b> can both damage transmission lines and disrupt power supply / ability to access the region to restore function. Line maintenance and underground wires are strategies to mitigate this risk.</li> </ul>
Extreme heat	High confidence of increase		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Extreme heat events</b> result in line losses across transmission infrastructure. This means inefficiency in times where the system is already de-rating and facing load pressure.</li> </ul>

# Impact on solar PV and wind

High temperatures are a known hazard for solar and wind farms and can result in a decrease in energy production at extreme ambient temperatures

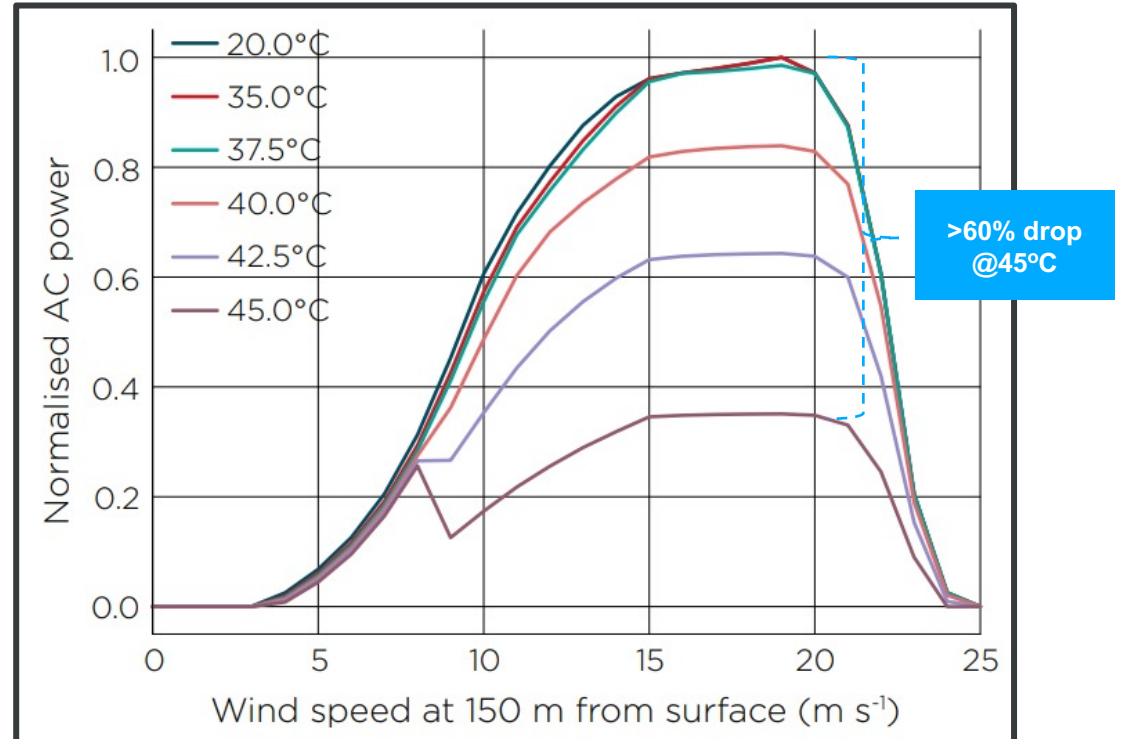
## Solar de-rating curve<sup>1</sup>

Depending on the level of solar energy input (GHI) the normalized power output for a solar farm declines slightly with increasing temperature up to about 50°C



## Wind de-rating curve<sup>1</sup>

For wind turbines, power output responds to temperature with response capacity highest up to 37.5°C, but reduces at higher temperatures.

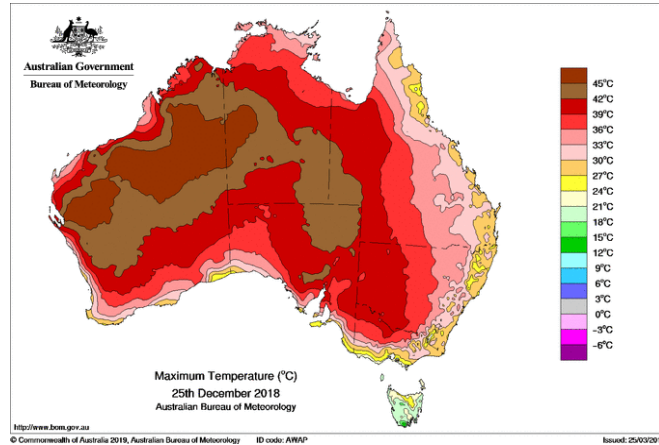


1. ESCI CCIA, case study 1\_extreme heat and VRE

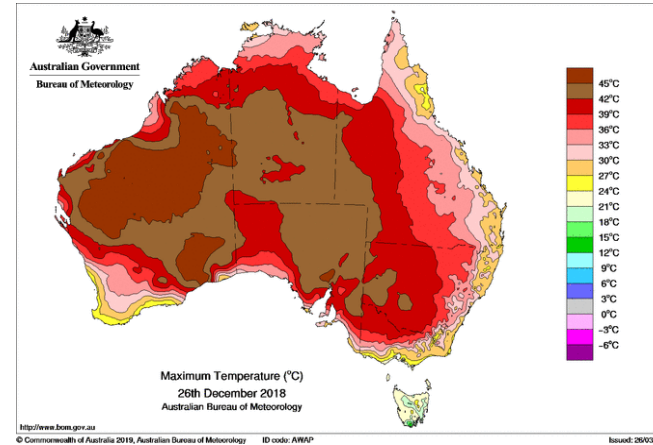
# Grid-wide extreme heat

Large components of the NEM, SWIS and NWIS can be concurrently exposed to extreme temperature, and these events can last multiple days.

25<sup>th</sup> December 2018

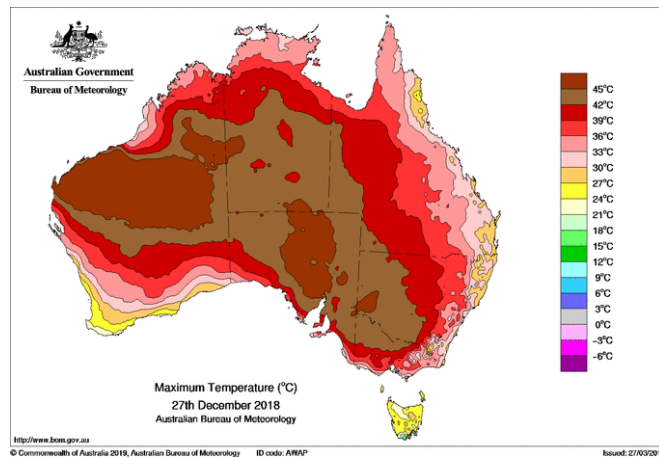


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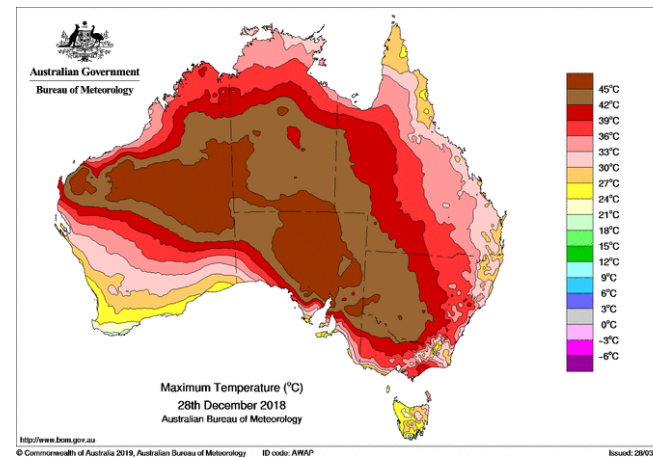


Pilbara heatwave: Four consecutive days of temperatures exceeding 47°C

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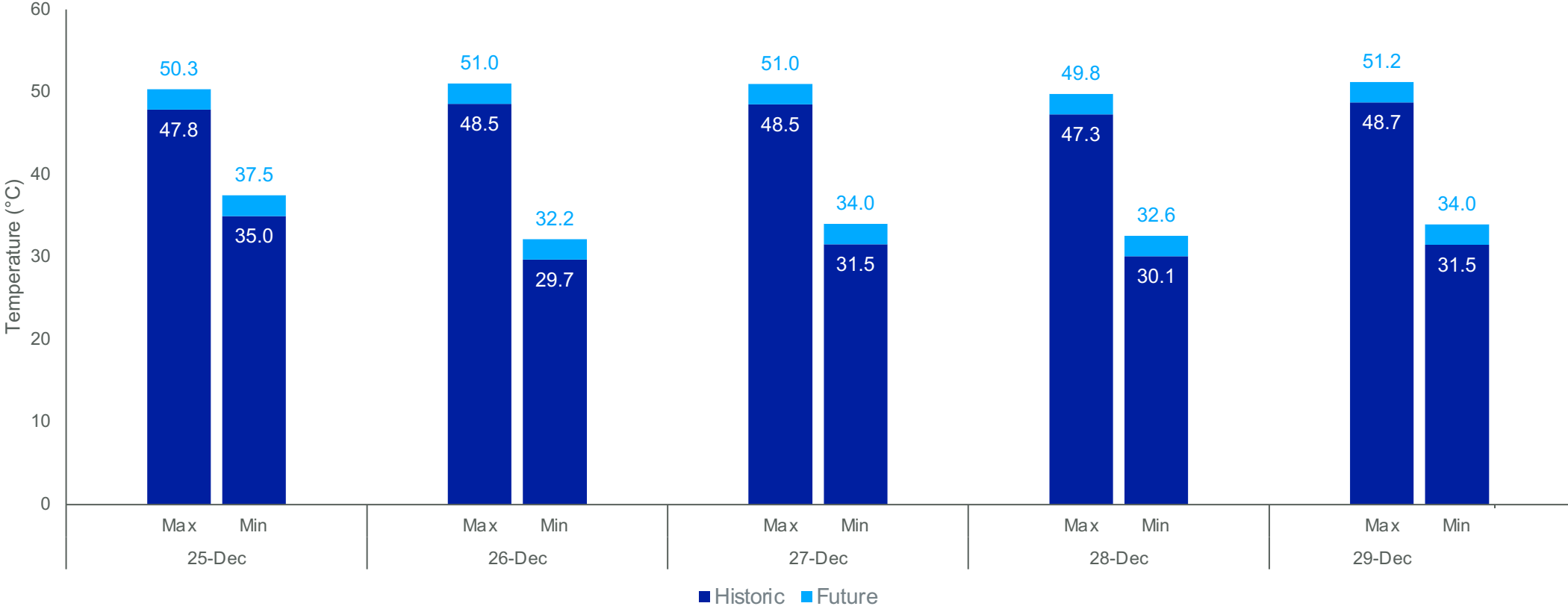


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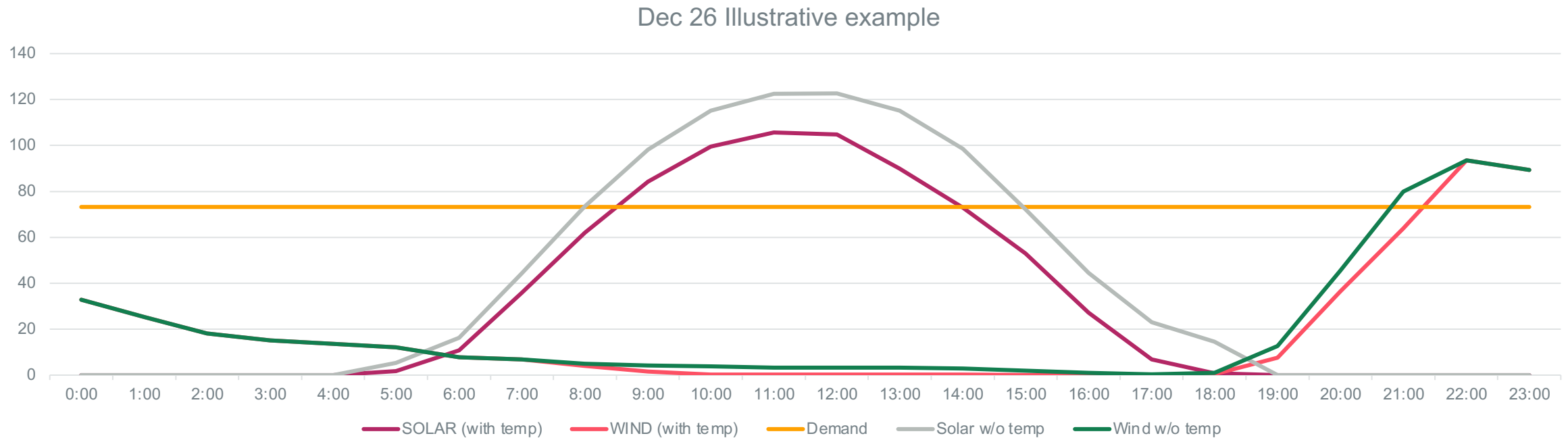
# Multi-day heatwaves can occur and are projected to become more severe and frequent

Daily maximum and minimum temperature (°C) - present v future



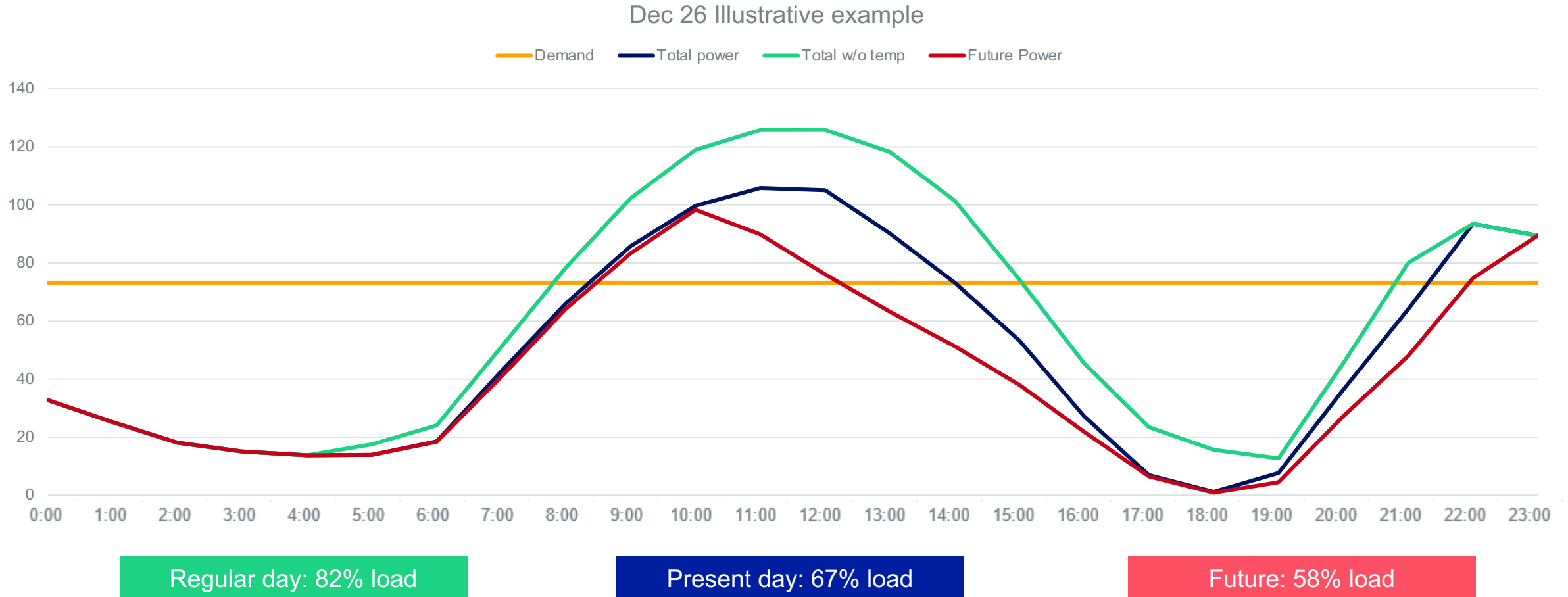
# What happens to a VRE system on a high-heat day?

Both wind and solar drop in efficiency and the system relies on battery (or other source)



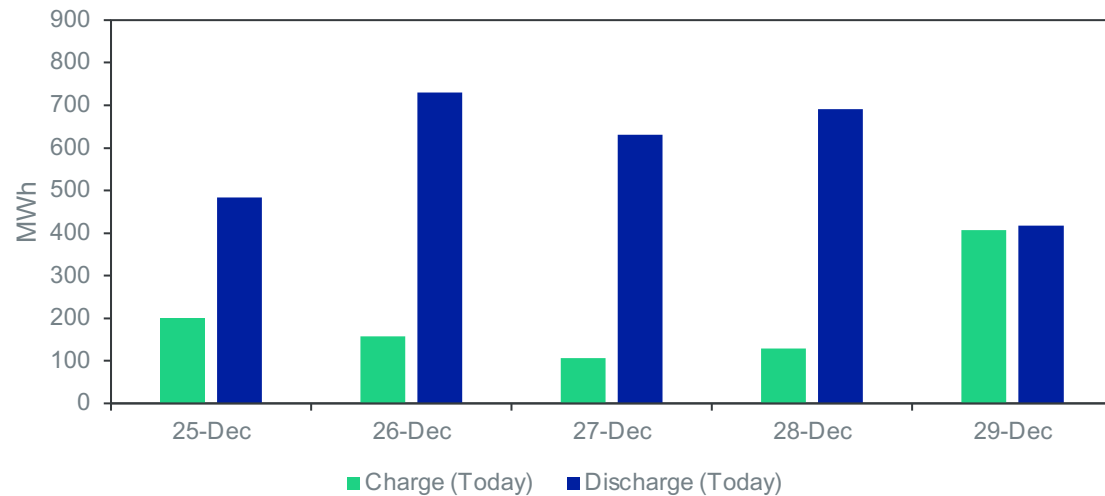
# What does this mean for generation compared to load?

... Day 2 of 5 day heatwave and battery has been fully discharged on day 1

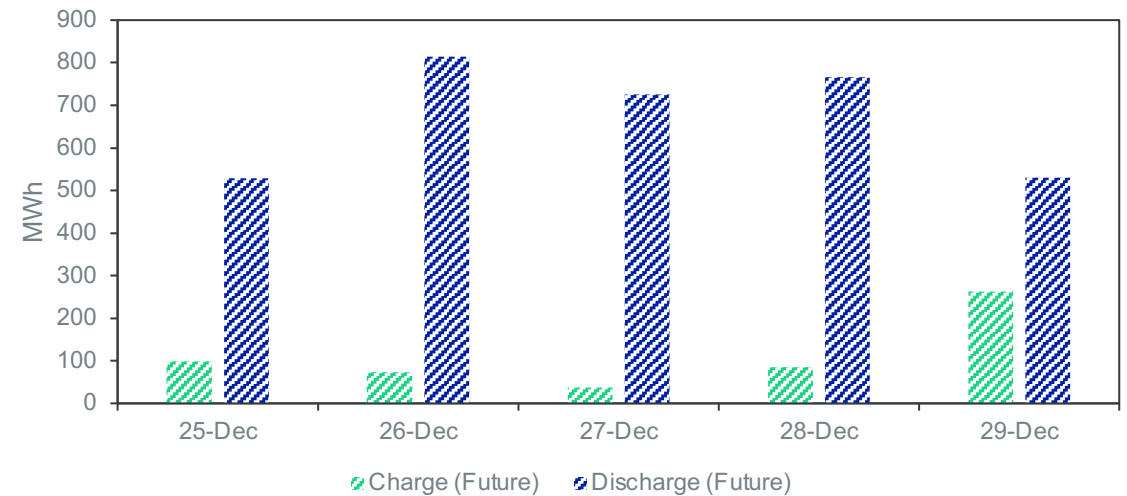


# Each day there is significantly more discharge than time spent charging... initial battery size is depleted by day 1

Daily charge/discharge volumes - Present Day



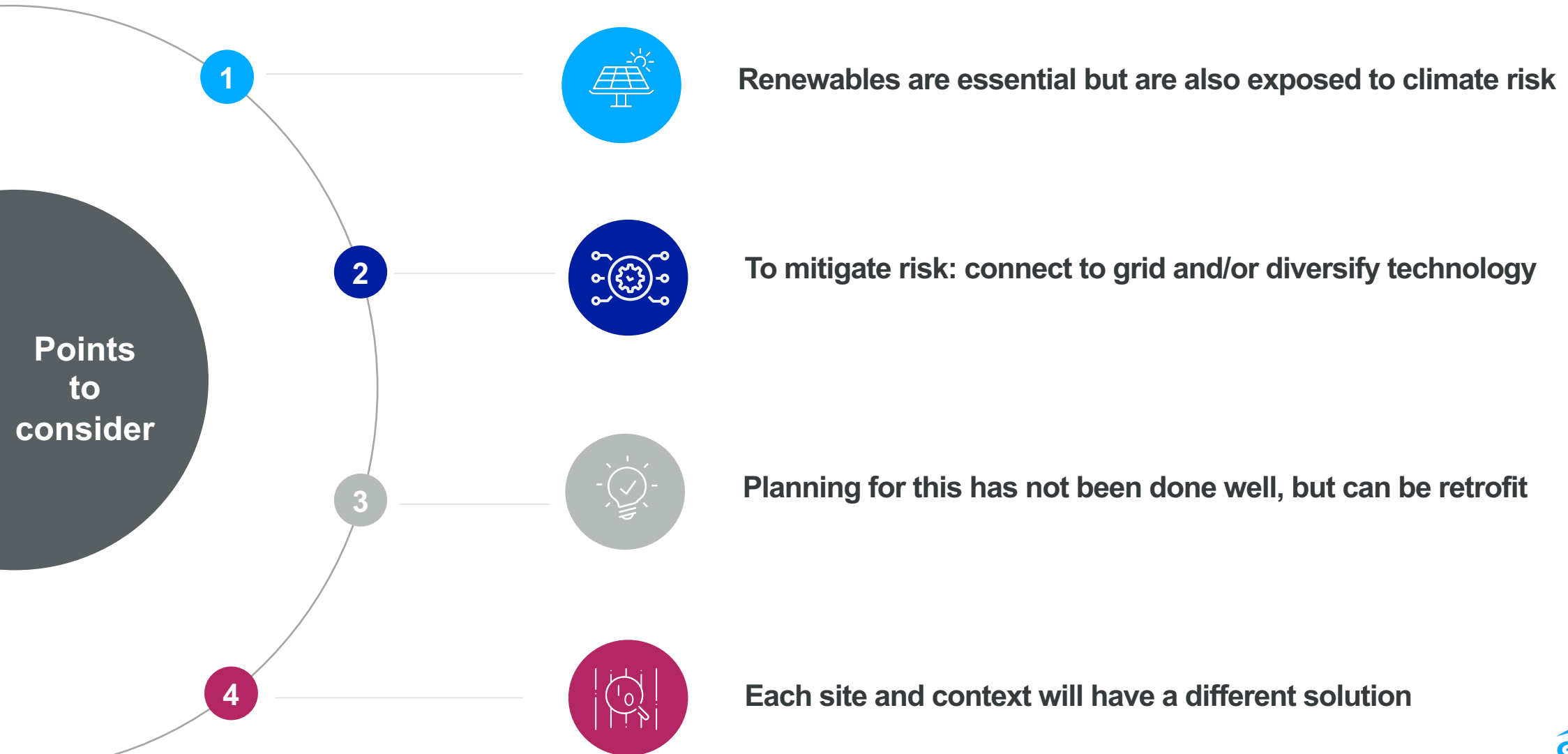
Daily charge/discharge volumes - Future



# What can you do about it?

1. Drop your production (50% load)
2. Increase RE sizing (about double is required)
3. Increase battery sizing (cost becomes significant)
4. Build in another flexible generation source (green ammonia hydrogen)

# Climate risk must be considered as we decarbonise





# Q&A

