

# THE BALANCING ACT FOR OFF-GRID RENEWABLE SOLUTIONS:

What over 20 years of designing and operating hybrid  
systems has taught us

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# THE HYDRO GROUP



Australia's largest renewable energy producer and water manager, operating for more than 100 years Government Business Enterprise, owned by the State of Tasmania.

- \$6.0 billion worth of assets
- 2 653 MW of hydropower installed capacity
- Produces 9 000 GWh of clean renewable electricity from hydropower each year
- Part-own 300 MW of wind capacity in Tasmania

Generates electricity from renewable sources and trades on the National Electricity Market



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Partners with clients to deliver practical and commercially sound solutions across the whole lifecycle of power and water assets  
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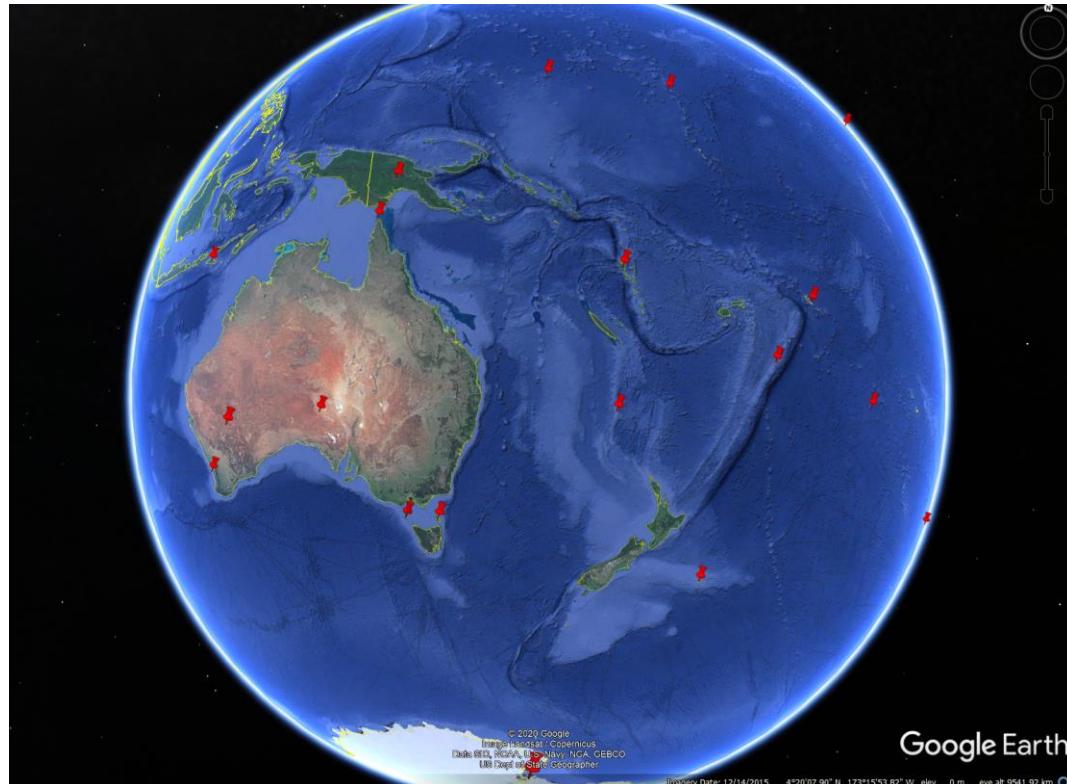


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# WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE IN THE POWER BUSINESS?

- One of the world's most experienced specialist power and water consulting firms
- Part of the Hydro Group - backed by more than 100 years of creating energy and maintaining power and water assets
- Services covering every aspect of major power and water projects, from strategy, planning, design and construction through to operation, maintenance, risk management and training
- Over 230 staff; expanding business opportunities nationally and internationally
- Remote area power systems
- Hybrid Control Systems
- Wind power
- Solar power
- Hydropower
- Pumped storage hydropower
- Substations
- Transmission and distribution
- Power systems
- Testing and commissioning
- Automation and SCADA
- Generator connection
- Dams
- Water infrastructure, planning and optimisation
- Supply infrastructure
- Flood management

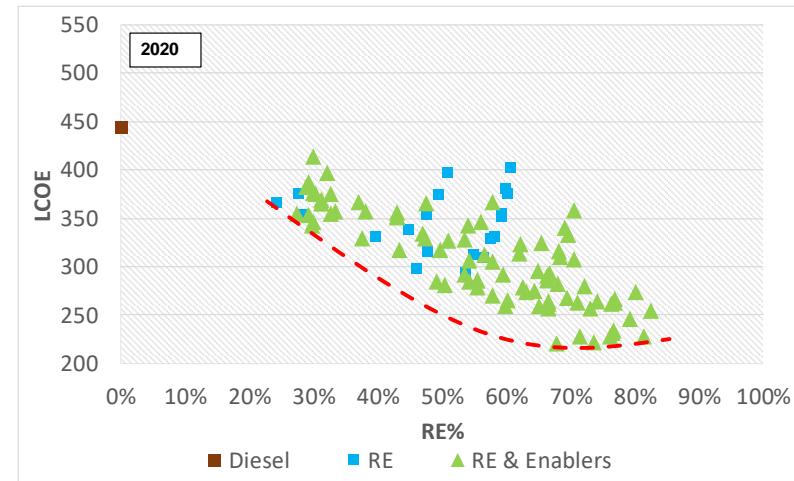
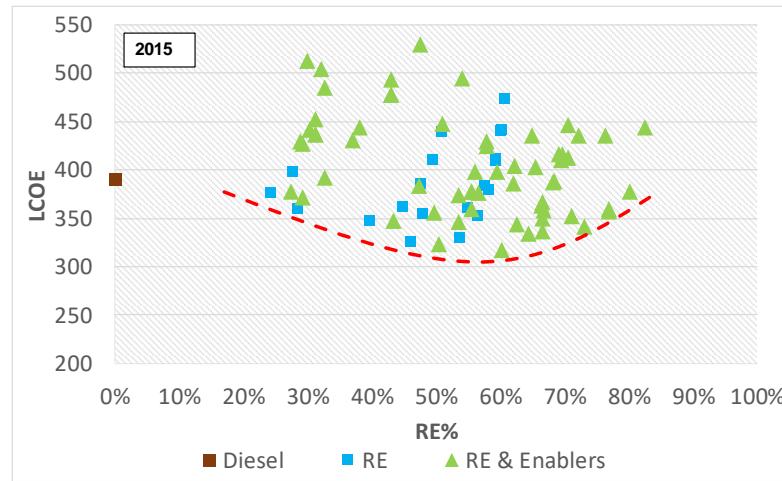
# SOME OF ENTURA HYBRID PROJECT ACTIVITY



Including

- King Island
- Flinders Island
- Coober Pedy
- Rottnest Island
- Agnew Gold Mine
- Antarctica
- Indonesia
- Pacific
- PNG

# WHY ALL THE HYBRID POWER INTEREST



Demonstration  
based projects &  
Grants



Private Sector  
Commercial  
Interest

# SO IT'S EASY NOW THEN?

# YES.... and NO.

## New Player Knowledge Gap

- Mining Industry earlier on learning curve compared to Power Utilities but with arguably a smaller risk appetite
- Increasing number of IPP & Financer parties without necessarily 'runs on the board'.
- Supplier interest increasing but without the experience full integration understanding.
- All good for competition, but differing levels of knowledge.
- 'Traps' still for new and existing players contractually & technically particularly with multiple counter parties

## Technical Challenges still

- Gas engine response times and operational levels differing to diesel, largely used to date
- Multiple suppliers not familiar with hybrid integration challenges - technical as well as contractual gaps
- Operational experience predominately in traditional thermal plant only across industry – now multiple elements
- Projects are still case by case, but approaches merging.

## The Key - Integration Integration Integration!

- Need overarching view of hybrid system approach, individual suppliers won't necessarily have.
- Early intervention - Understand what's coming.
- Early Integration view in planning right through to operation - can help bring understanding of options and outcomes

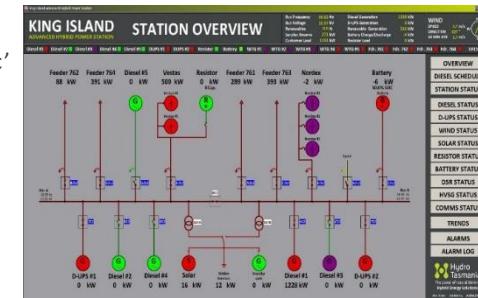
# TECHNOLOGY MIX INTEGRATION

- RE can provide cheaper real (kW) power, **not all of the system reliability** requirements alone
- Hybrids rely on the **careful integration of renewable energy** through automated control and enabling technologies.
- **Automated control** – speed of response, ability to deal with system complexity, varying system & element states, future changes, operator experience
- **Enabling technologies support RE** - maintain system stability, security and safety, managed through control
- Spend on technology vs level of **acceptable risk** needs to be understood early
- Available RE **resource understood?**
- **Optimisation** through Modelling – Energy, Economic, Power System
- **Legacy System Integration** more challenging and needs careful consideration
- **Coordinated Collaboration** can help significantly – Customer, OEM involvement Critical, Designer, OE, IPP

Power System Requirement	Generators			Enablers			
	Thermal	PV, Wind, Small Hydro	Large Hydro	BESS	Dump load	Dynamic Resistor	Diesel-UPS, SC, Flywheel
Voltage Control	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
Frequency control	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Real (kW) power	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Reactive (kVAR) power	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
Inertia	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
Fault currents	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
Spinning reserve	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

## Notes

- BESS Inertia 'synthetic'
- BESS fault current significantly lower than synchronous generators
- RE spinning reserve in significantly high RE cases relative to load.

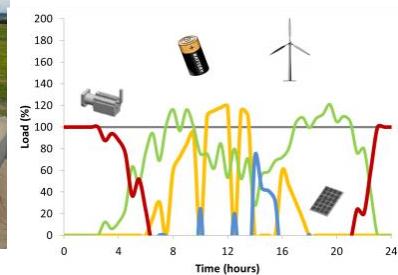


# SOME KEY INTEGRATION LESSONS

- Early focus on Ongoing Operating is Critical - include operator experience, contractually
- Test off site & plan for minimum site time - FAT
- Knowledge of Suppliers & Customers still growing – allow time.
  - Customer - Understand Need and get Specification and Contract right
  - Supplier – Understand Complexity of Hybrid Need
- Prices decreasing, functionality increasing – nothing truly standard yet.
- Supply chains and Delivery Models still evolving
- Expect change



Traditional vs modular deployment



Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT)

KI - 2004  
0.2 MW / 0.8 MWh



KI - 2014  
3 MW / 1.5 MWh



FI - 2016  
0.75 MW / 0.3 MWh



Vanadium Redox

Advanced Lead Acid

Lithium Titanate

# THANK YOU

Join us at our panel session:

**PPA Toolkit: A Step-by-Step Guide for Mines Considering Renewables**

5<sup>th</sup> August 2020, AWST 1:00-1:50

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# ADDITIONAL PDF VERSION MATERIAL

# KING ISLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY INTEGRATION PROJECT



- HT/Entura Design & Build
- Test Bed
- Advanced Hybrid Control
- 100% RE Penetration over 12,000+hr
- **Record = 137.5hr continuous ZDO**
- 50+% RE Contribution
- Increased System Reliability
- Sub 1 second DSM aggregation
- Successful Customer Engagement

Population ~1300, 2.5MW peak load, 12GWh pa, 450km of 11kV distribution

6MW diesel

2.45MW Wind, 400kW PV

3MW Dynamic Resistor

2 x 1MVA Diesel-UPS (Flywheel)

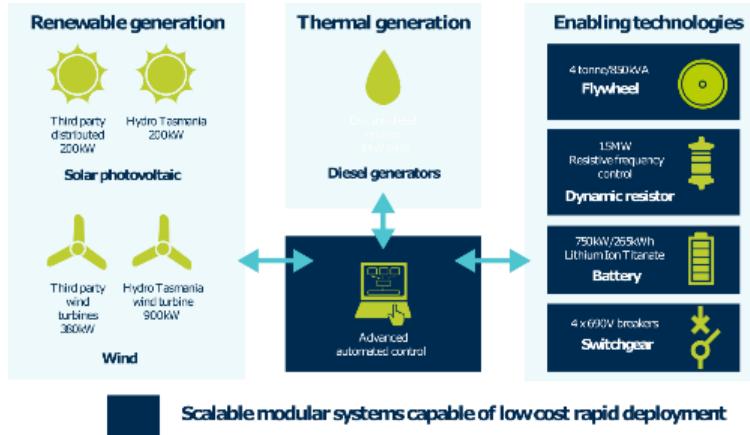
3MW/1.6MWh BESS

Biodiesel Trial

DSM Smart Grid

Hybrid Controller

# FLINDERS ISLAND HYBRID ENERGY HUB



Population 600

- 1.3MW peak load, 6.7GWh pa
- 3MW diesel, >200km of 11kV
- HT Design & Build
- Modular Solution
- Test off site
- Strong Community Engagement
- Whole of system Hybrid Control Upgrade
- 100% RE Penetration
- 60% RE Contribution

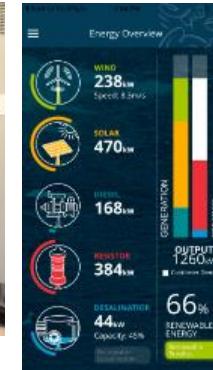
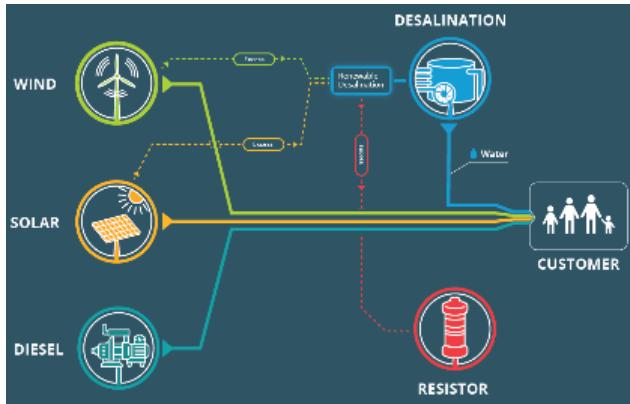
Record 112 hours continuous Diesel Off

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# ROTTNEST ISLAND WATER RENEWABLE ENERGY NEXUS

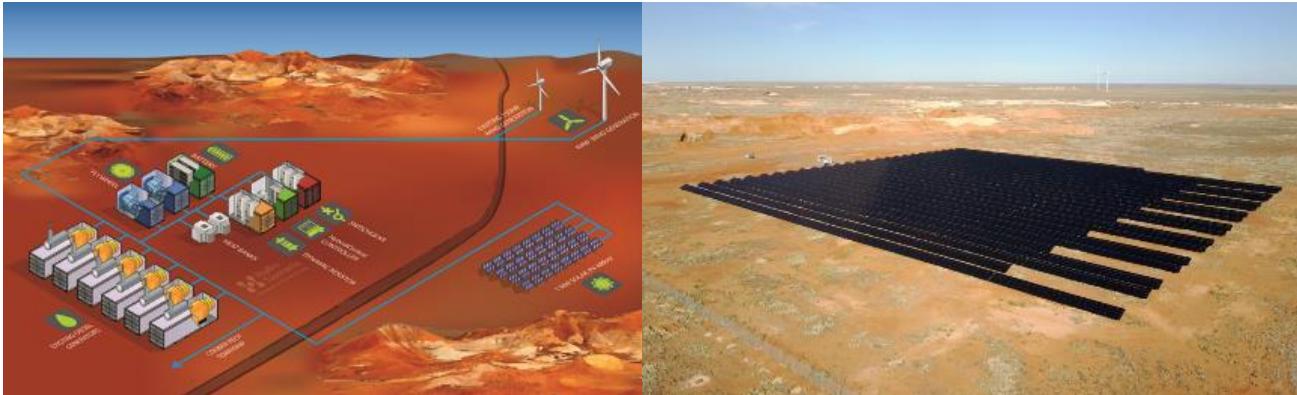


- HT EPC
- Integrates Desalination as Energy Storage
- 45% RE Contribution
- 95% Penetrations with LLD
- New Hybrid Control & Diesel Control
- Extensive Training
- Operator Remote Interface
- Education App



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# COOBER PEDY RENEWABLE HYBRID PROJECT



Population 1,700, 13GWh annual Energy,  
3MW max, 1.4MW ave  
8 x 490kW diesels

- HT/Entura Design, Owners Eng, Supply of
  - D-UPS, Dynamic Resistor, LV-HV Switchgear, Hybrid Control
- 70% RE Contribution target
- 100% Penetration
- Hybrid Control 'talks to' existing Diesel Control
- Multiple Party Interfacing – Physical and Control



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# AGNEW GOLD MINE IN WEST AUSTRALIA



## Hybrid System:

- 18MW Wind farm
- 4MW Solar PV
  - With Forecasting
- 13 MW / 4 MWh BESS
- 16 MW Gas Engines
- 3 MW Diesel Engines
- HT/Entura undertaking Integration & Hybrid Control System
- 50-60% RE Contribution target



# ROSS ISLAND - ANTARCTICA

