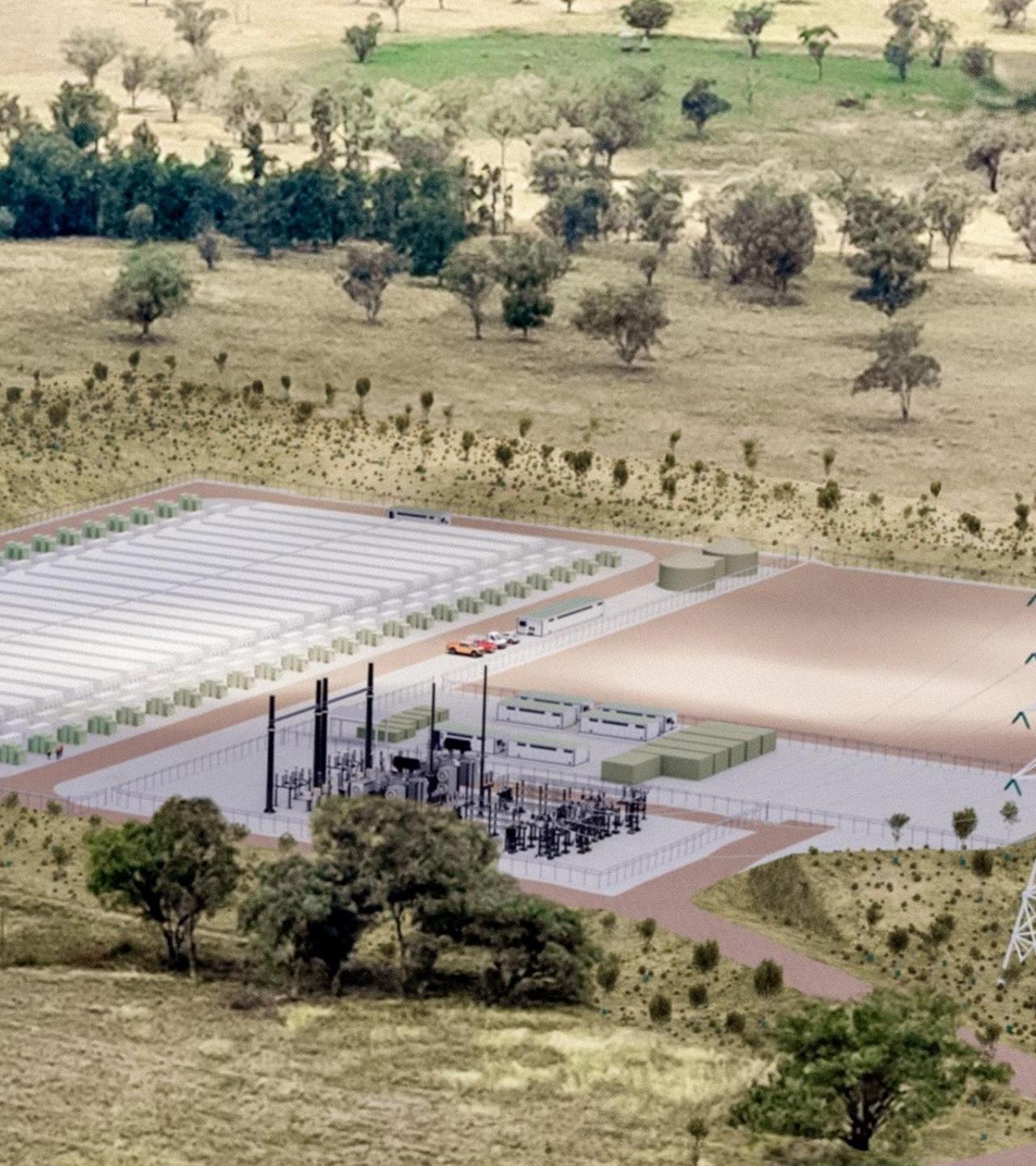




Unlocking medium duration storage for a renewable grid

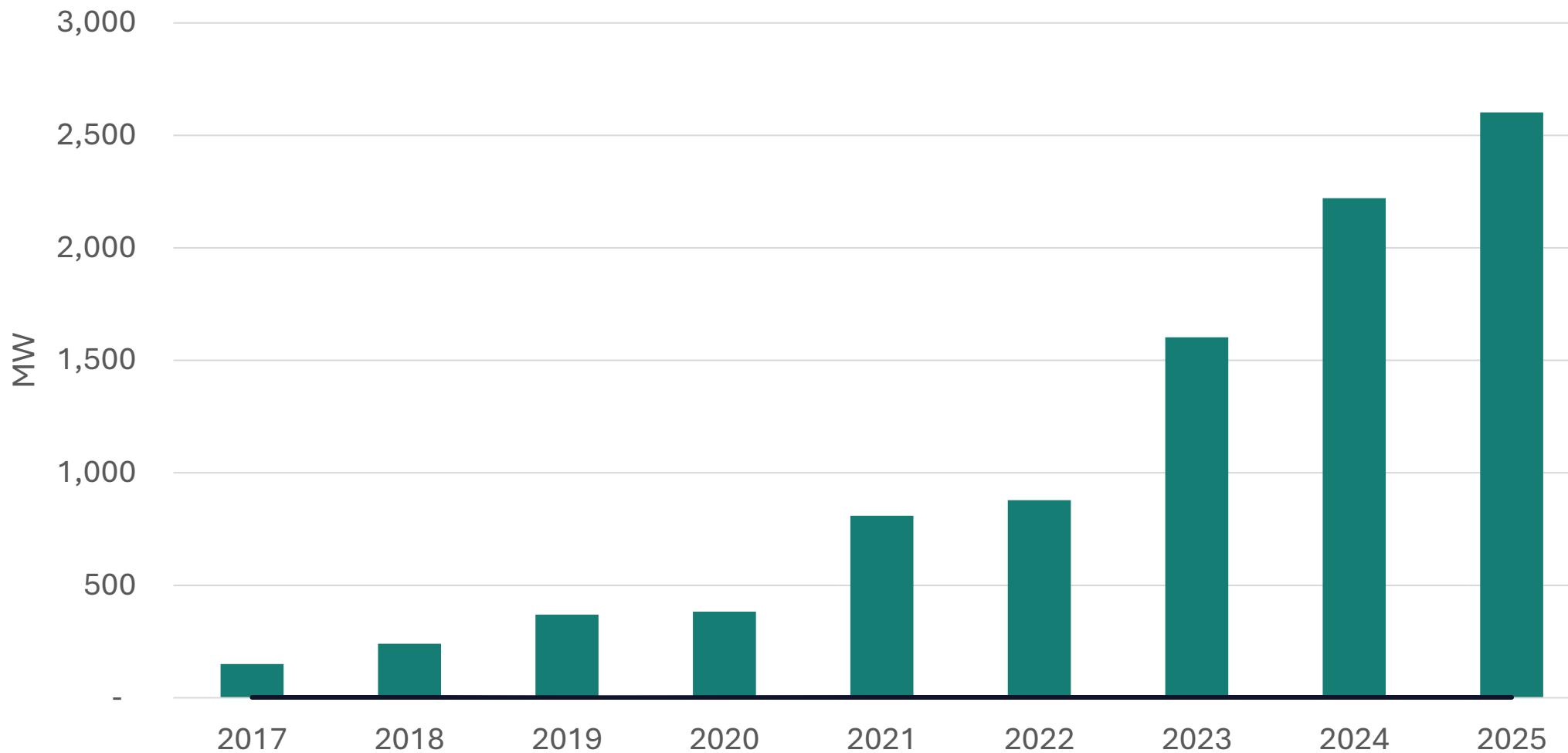
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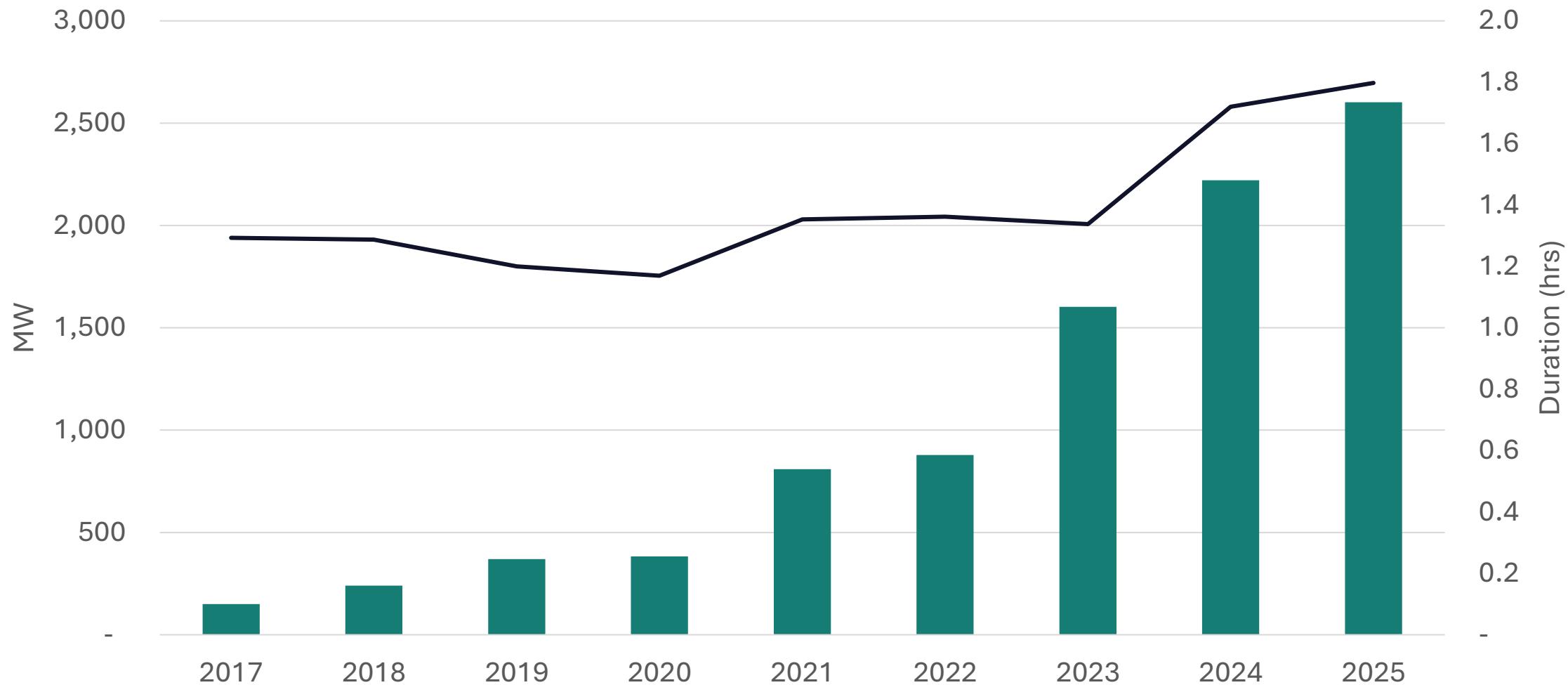
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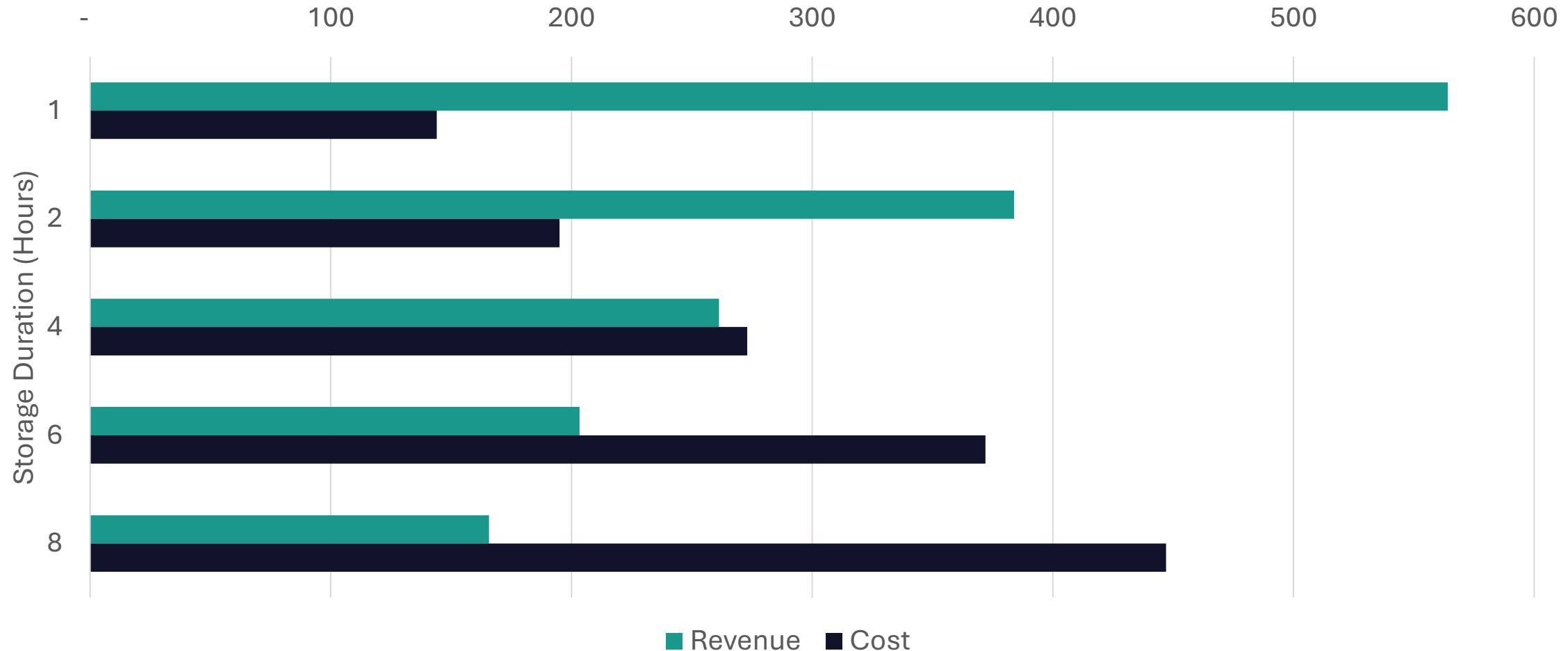
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Short duration storage investments currently stack up

Maximal spread

\$/MWh



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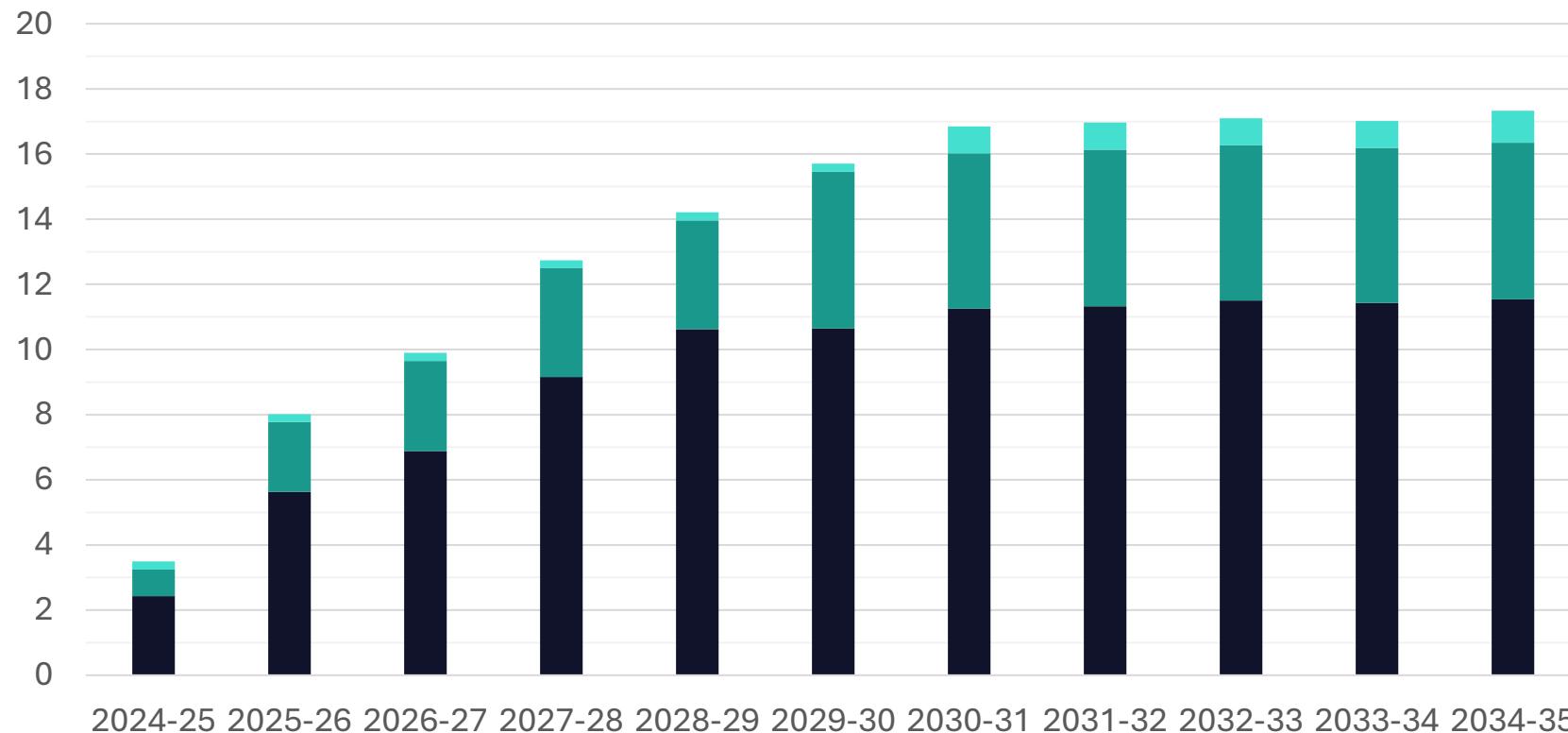


1. Only ~1/3 of ISP forecast is medium duration storage
2. More solar in the energy mix requires more longer duration storage, which will be beneficial for consumers
3. Medium duration storage helps to manage high-impact, low probability events
4. Medium duration storage can provide virtual transmission capacity in congested networks
5. Longer duration storage is a cost-effective way to displace gas in the energy mix
6. 24/7 firmed renewables will require even more medium to long duration storage

1. ISP projects a 5-fold growth of storage with medium duration making up 1/3 of this volume

Utility Scale Storage*

GW

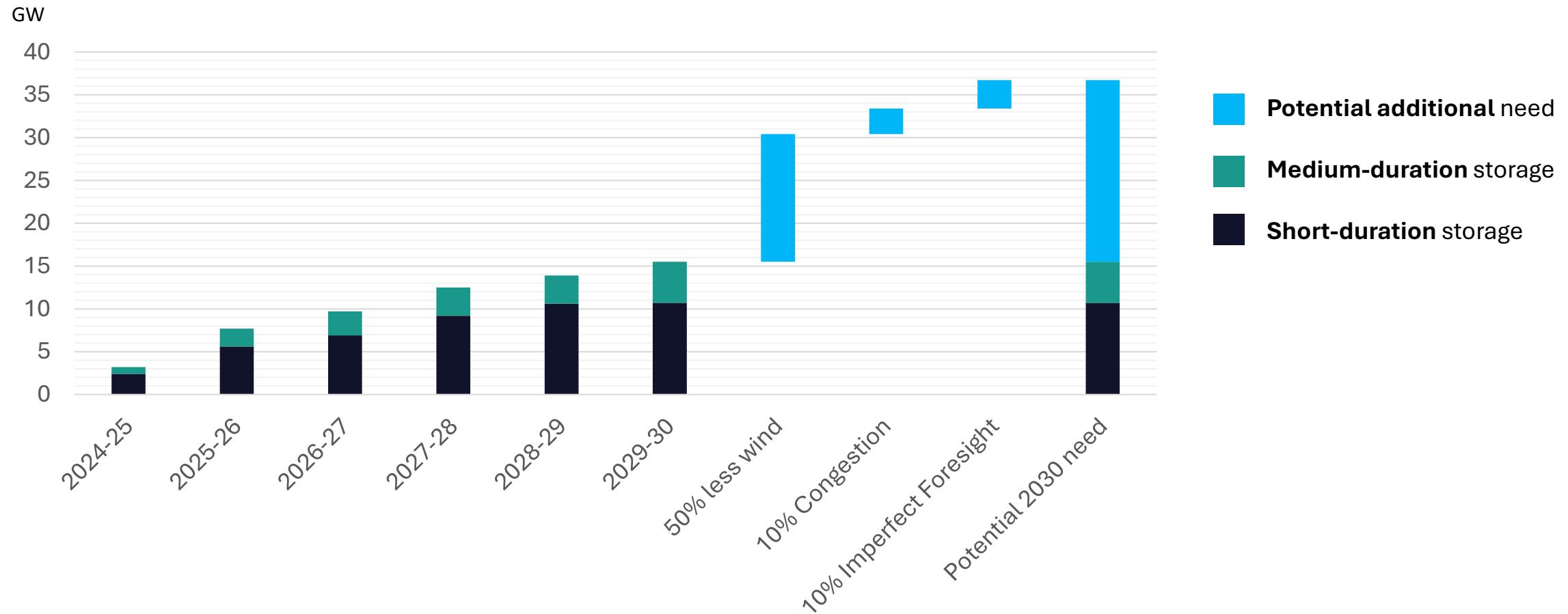


- Long-duration storage:**
 - Definition: >12 hours
 - Average (2025-35): 30.8 hrs
- Medium-duration storage**
 - Definition: 4-12 hours
 - Average (2025-35): 6.7 hrs
- Short-duration storage**
 - Definition: < 4 hrs
 - Average (2025-35): 1.6 hrs

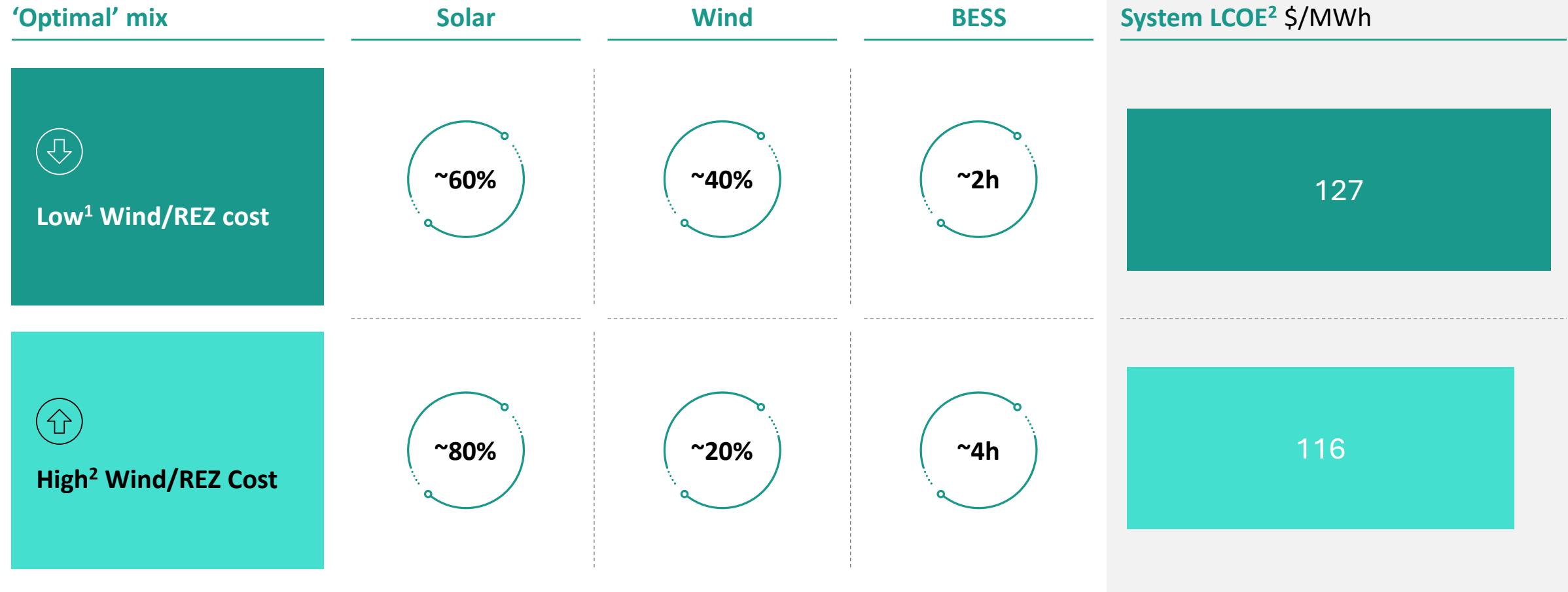
* In the NEM; Excluding Snowy 2.0 and Borumba

2a. We may require more than double the forecast amount of storage, mainly to compensate for less wind with more solar

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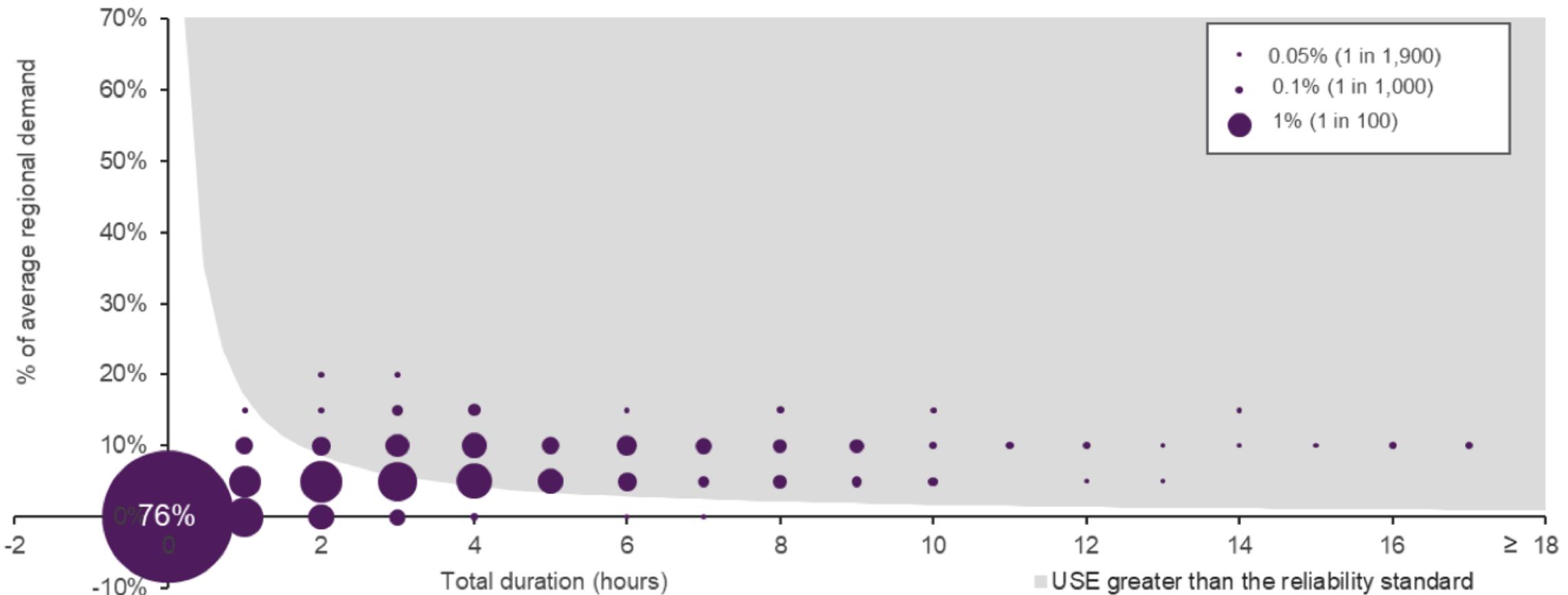
2b. PV plus BESS could lead to lower cost consumer outcomes in a high-cost of Wind plus REZ scenario



1. Based on CSIRO 2023/24 GenCost and 2024 ISP assumptions, 2. Assuming wind plus REZ cost of 4,000 \$/MW
 Source: Ampyr analysis based on a simplified system model for NSW

3. Medium duration storage required to manage low probability, high impact events

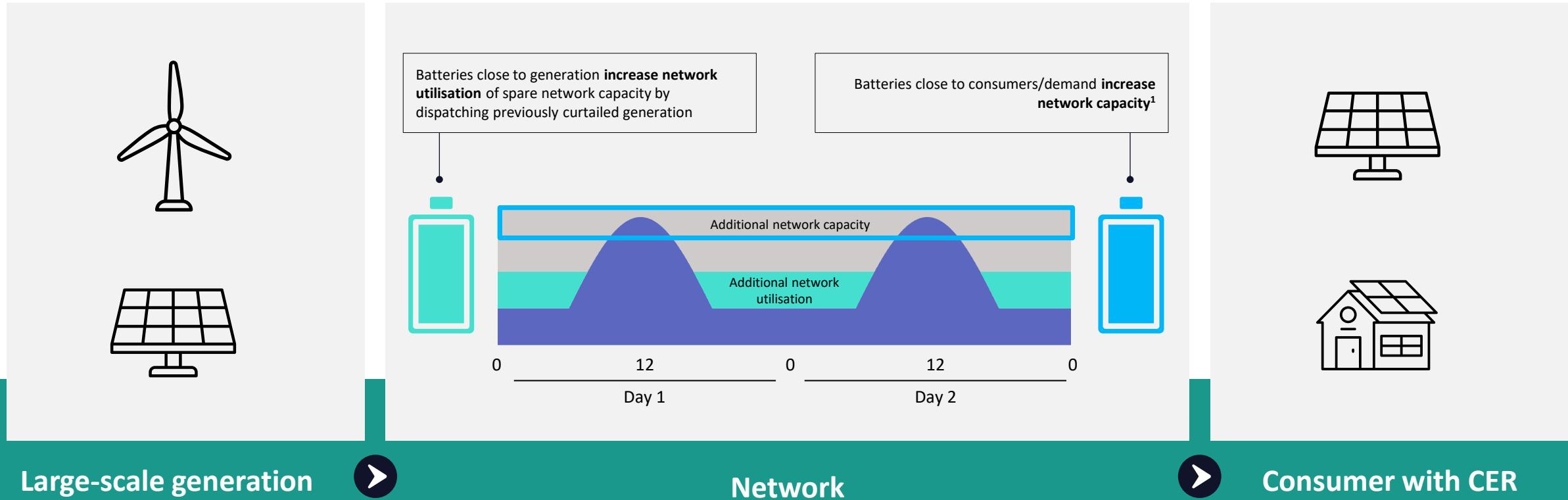
Unserved Energy (USE) duration and depth*



* Queensland example 2025-62 for committed and anticipated projects

Source: AEMO ESOO, Aug 2025, Fig 30

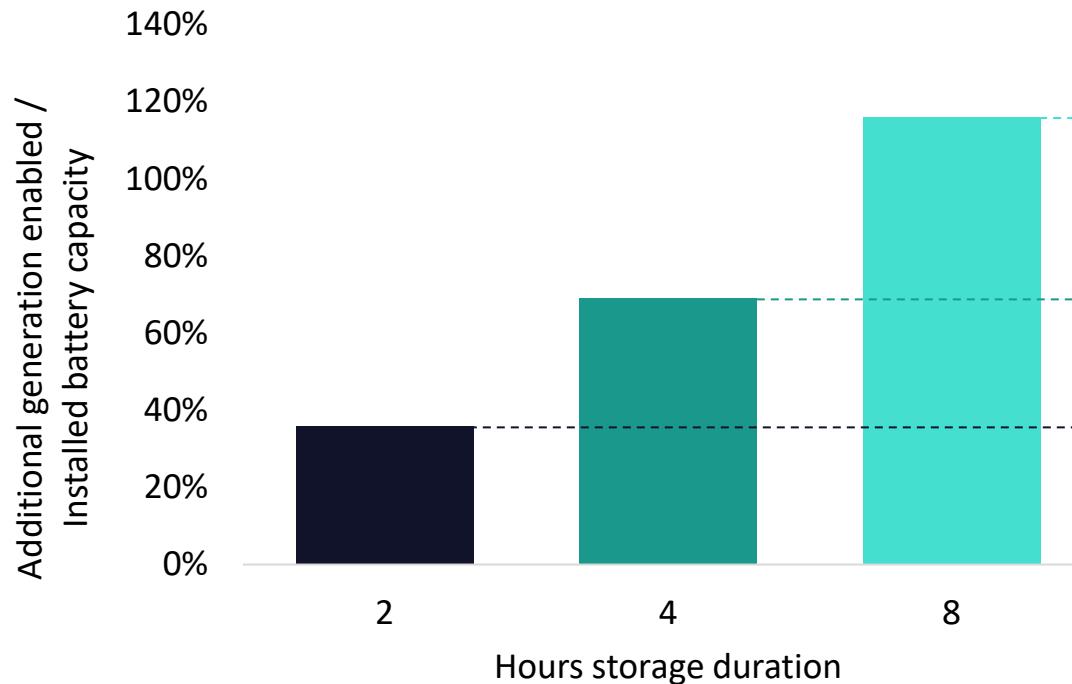
4a. Strategically located storage increases transmission utilisation and capacity



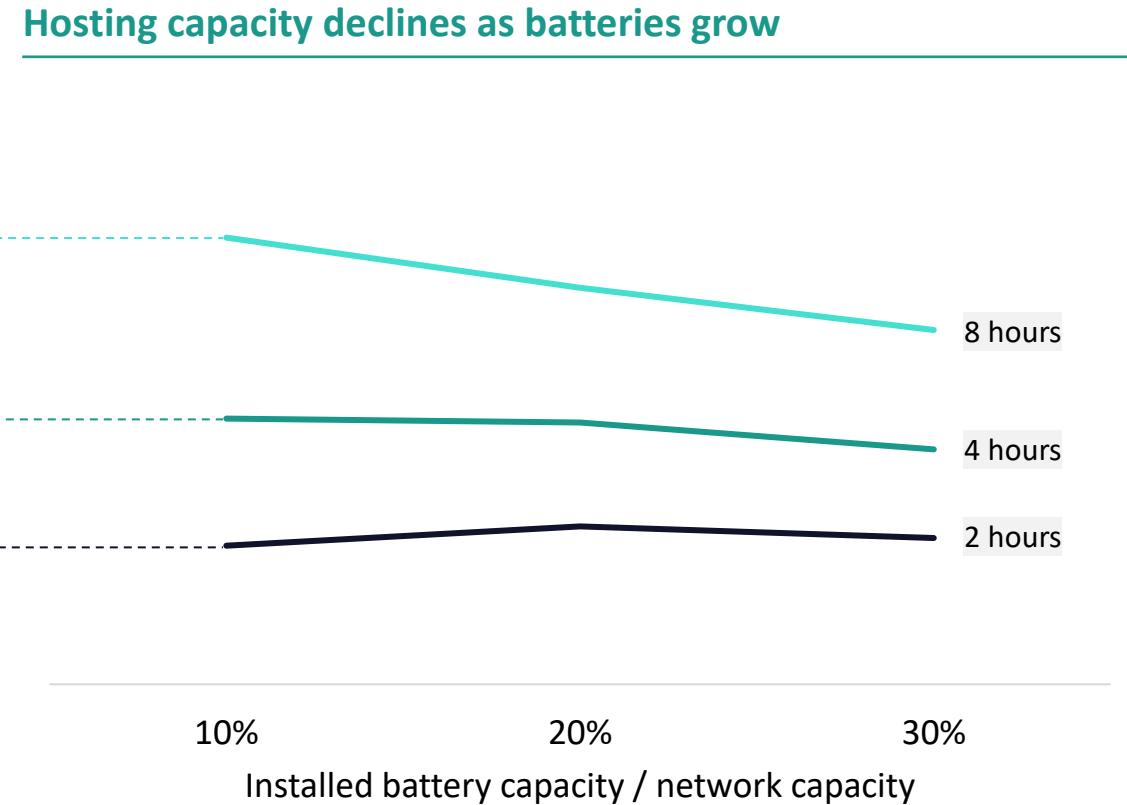
1. Either through direct discharge during peak times or a System Integrity Protection Scheme (SIPS)

4b. Medium Duration storage can increase generation hosting capacity in congested networks

Batteries increase generation hosting capacity

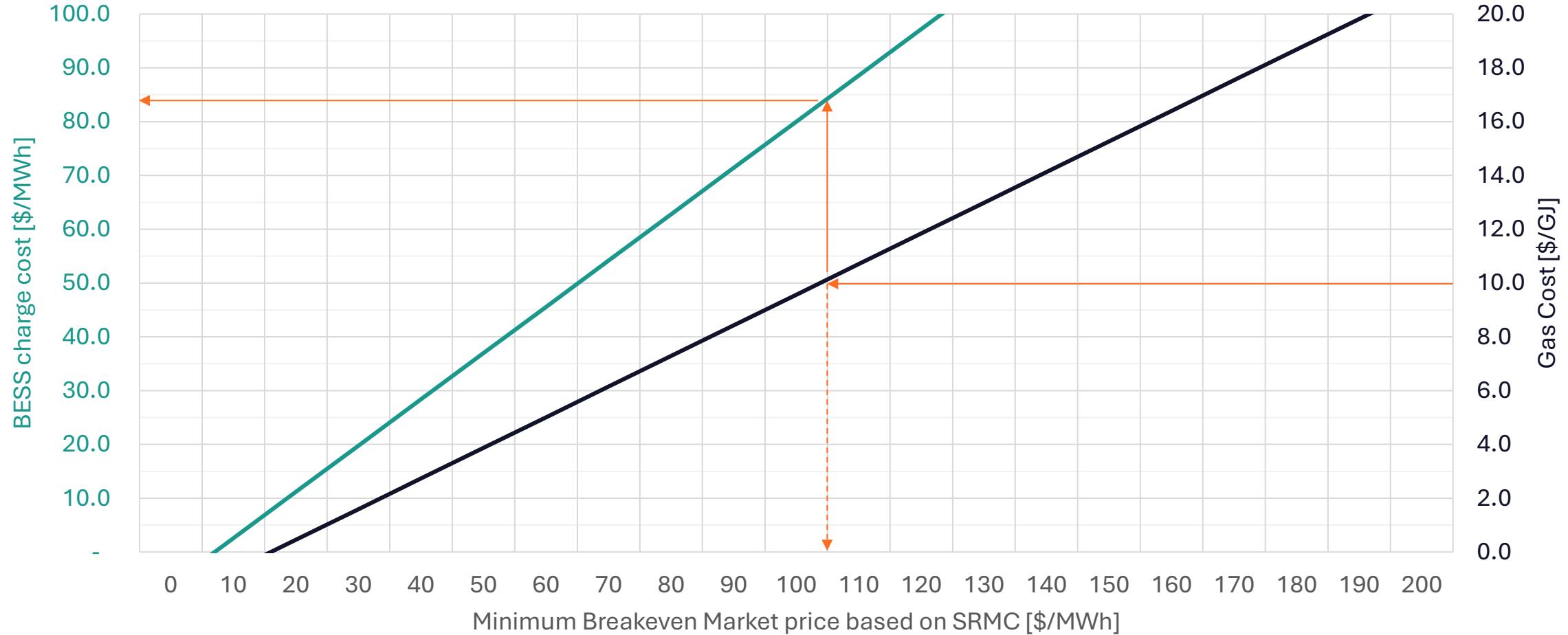


Hosting capacity declines as batteries grow



5. Medium duration storage more competitive than gas

Breakeven analysis of Short Run Marginal Cost (SRMC) of BESS compared to GPG

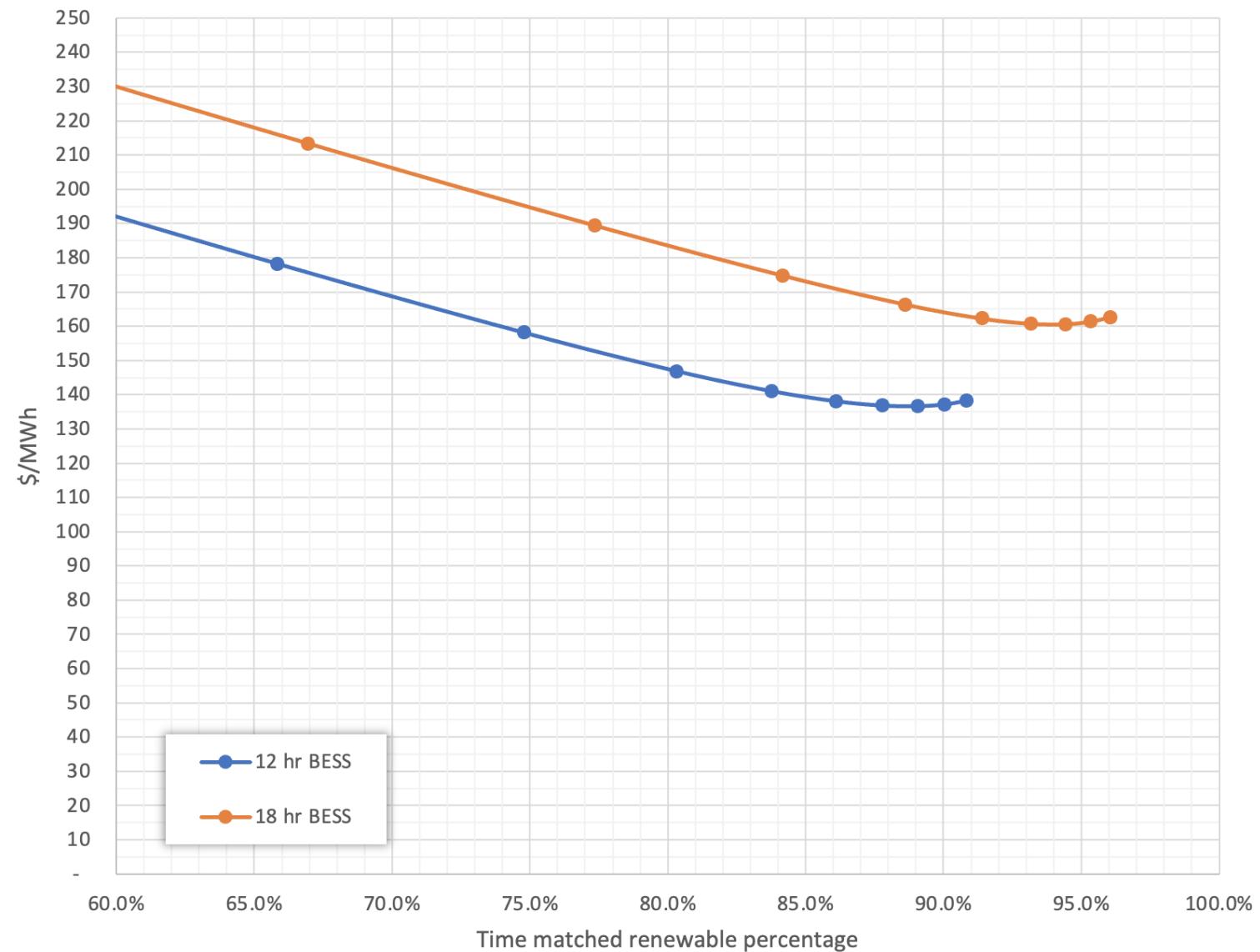


6. Medium to long duration storage will also be required to offer time matched firm renewable supply

Key assumptions:

- Single trace solar profile
- Middle of the day shape: 20 \$/MWh
- Project IRR: 10%
- 12 hr BESS: 4,572 \$/kW
- 24 hr BESS: 8,064 \$/kW
- Life: 20 years
- Firming cost: 260 \$/MWh

Cost of time matched renewable supply



Conclusion

- Short-duration batteries have already been pivotal in Australia's first phase of the renewable transition.
- More medium-duration storage than currently forecast will be critical to delivering a reliable, 24/7 renewable grid
- The technology exists and the capital is ready – the challenge now is to create clear, bankable pathways for medium-duration storage to scale.
Pathways for this exist:
 - Existing support schemes, e.g. CIS, LD LTESA, SA FERM
 - NEM Review?
 - Future Market mechanism?
 - Firming reserve?



