



Can AEMO control rooftop solar? But AEMO said rooftop solar was now such as major force in the electricity system, it could no longer be hands-off in its approach to output in certain, extreme conditions. "AEMO can, and does, control large scale generation to manage security limits through dispatch in the electricity markets," it wrote.



Does AEMO have a'solar cut-off'? It????s a long history,which details the lack of transparency and accountability in AEMO???s approach to controlling rooftop solar,where it is acting as judge and jury and having state bodies act as executionerthrough blunt ???solar cut-offs???.



Will AEMO switch off rooftop solar in South Australia? On 20 May, AEMO???s then-CEO Audrey Zibelman appeared on the 7.30 Reportcalling for new controls to enable AEMO to switch off rooftop solar in South Australia. She said: ???This is very temporary, very limited and really??? a last resort control we need if we were worried the system would otherwise go black.???



What are AEMO's 'emergency backstop' powers? The Australian Energy Market Operator wants "emergency backstop" powers to switch off or turn down rooftop solar systemsin every state. AEMO says the powers are needed by next year for extreme situations as it grapples with ever-increasing amounts of rooftop solar output. What's next?

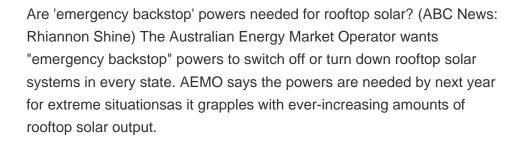


Should aemo'reduce' rooftop solar? And, for AEMO, that's a worry. The agency fears the amount of conventional generation providing those security and stability services ??? and able to step in when the sun stops shining, for example ??? is falling to critically low levels. Hence it says powers are needed to "reduce" some of that excess rooftop solar at certain times.













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This document presents the methodology used to develop a model of the generation from rooftop PV systems in the National Electricity Market (NEM). It was developed by the University of Melbourne and AEMO, and is intended to improve the modelling of rooftop PV across multiple working teams in AEMO.





Rooftop solar output has reached such enormous levels that authorities have begun issuing warnings about their ability to keep the electricity system from being overloaded at times.



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Today one in three Australian homes have rooftop solar. These households and businesses are having a meaningful impact on Australia's energy transition. Because of these investments in rooftop solar, at certain times, rooftop solar is now supplying more than half the grid's energy needs. This is expected to grow in just





A local company has been awarded a \$2.9 million contract to install solar panels on the roof tops of four Government buildings. According to Public Works Minister Lieutenant Colonel David Burch, the installation will ???





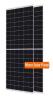
The Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) latest Quarterly Energy Dynamics report shows that new records are rapidly being set for the amount of renewable energy, including grid-scale and rooftop solar, being fed into the National Electricity Market (NEM), reducing the reliance on traditional coal-fired generation.





This article chronicles the history of AEMO's approach to the rise of rooftop solar (in some quotations, emphasis has been added). It's a long history, which details the lack ???





Subject to additional weather conditions, AEMO forecasts that reduced rooftop solar PV output in Western Australia during the eclipse could see a total demand increase ranging from 700 megawatts (MW) to 1,000 MW from 10am to 1pm. During this event, the greater Perth area will witness a range of 60 to 80 per cent of this total solar eclipse





AEMO has forecasts that the total capacity of distributed solar, including residential and business rooftop PV as well as larger commercial or industrial "non-scheduled" PV systems, will climb from 21 GW today to 36 GW ???





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In this interval rooftop solar led the way with 38.5% of total generation, with grid-scale solar contributing 18.3% and wind contributing 13.4%. AEMO Executive General Manager Reform Delivery, Violette Mouchaileh, said: "It is promising to see Australia's energy transition continue with more renewable generation capacity either coming online or progressing."





Rooftop solar led renewable generation in Australia in the third quarter of 2024, accounting for 38.5% of the total, compared to grid-scale solar at 18.3% and wind at 13.4%. (AEMO). Rooftop





However, with the wide embrace of solar power ??? there are now more rooftop solar systems in Australia than swimming pools in backyards ??? electricity from millions of rooftop solar systems is now funnelled back into the grid. At times, this means enough power is generated to meet half of the total demand across the National Electricity Market (NEM).





In a report released on 2 December, AEMO provided new and updated details on the falling rates of minimum demand by jurisdiction and its need for a NEM-wide emergency backstop mechanism, "to





Rooftop solar is already a well-established market in Australia. The technology alone contributed more electricity to the grid in the first quarter of 2024 (13%) than grid-scale solar, wind, hydro





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The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) ??? which noted in its recently released draft 2024 Integrated System Plan (ISP) that rooftop solar is now three times more common than backyard pools in Australia ??? said the ???



millions of rooftop solar. systems flow back into the. power system. This will provide a growing. opportunity for consumers to. participate in the energy. market with their solar, batteries and electric vehicles, to improve electricity reliability. and grid security. However, in certain conditions. high volumes of rooftop solar. can reduce the



This isn"t usually a problem, since AEMO keeps the grid balanced by forecasting how much rooftop solar is being generated. However, if rooftop solar generates the majority of power in a particular region, there may not be enough dispatchable generation and reserves online to keep the grid balanced and secure. Grid security can also be



AEMO has granted BrightNight approval to connect its Mortlake Energy Hub, which includes solar and storage facilities, to the Victoria grid. Solar rooftop tenders: Germany awards 259MW, France



In fact, the excess electricity from millions of rooftop solar systems has, at. times, met more than 70% of total demand in Western Australia"s. Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) and half of total demand across the. east coast's National Electricity Market (NEM). At certain times, if high



rooftop solar contributions coincide with issues on







AEMO is an independent organisation that operates on a user-pays cost-recovery basis, with all operating costs recovered through fees paid by industry participants. (NEM) with 11.7 gigawatts (GW) from large scale solar, wind and rooftop solar PV recorded, contributing 46.5% of total energy used for those 30 minutes. The previous record was





Operational demand refers to consumer demand that can be met by generation from the grid. Minimum operational demand is the lowest level of demand met by generation from the grid, which is usually driven by consumer-owned generation substituting grid-scale generation.. At the time of the NEM record, grid-scale and rooftop solar provided an estimated ???



It certainly does not support Eric's headline ??? "Aussie AEMO to use Voltage Spikes to Force Disconnect Rooftop Solar". It has the AEMO saying it should not be used, and it is in any case outside AEMO's area of control.-3. stevekj. Reply to ???



The call comes as Australia's rooftop solar PV sector rapidly scales. The technology currently matches nearly 50% of the NEM's energy needs, and this figure is expected to grow to around 90

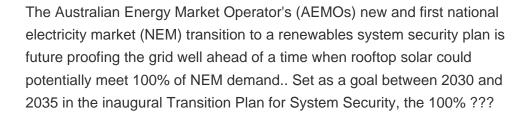


Chances are, Australia will learn to better capitalise on its solar riches, avoiding the need to take drastic steps like throttling rooftop solar. Still, AEMO says the amount of extra solar













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These are used to help inform AEMO's Integrated System Plan and Statement of Opportunities planning exercises for both the NEM and the Western Australian SWIS. CSIRO's Progressive Change projection used by ???