



**HYDROSTOR**

## **Long Duration Energy Storage**

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# About Hydrostor

## Hydrostor is the global leader in Advanced Compressed Air Energy Storage (A-CAES)

- Based on proven CAES platform and demonstrated commercially at small-scale
- Low-cost, large-scale and emission-free long duration energy storage (LDES)
- Uses only water & pressurized air with standard equipment from proven supply chains
- Can be flexibly sited where the grid needs it, using 1/20th the water and land vs. equivalent size pumped hydro storage
- Ability to add duration over time to projects
- 700 MW of large-scale projects under advanced development with 400 MW commercially contracted

Founded: **2010**

HQ: **Toronto, Canada**

Full-time employees: **100+**

Capital raised: **US\$326 million**

Patent Families: **9+**



**Asset  
Management**

**CPP Investments**



# Long Duration Energy Storage

# LDES Value Proposition



## Fossil Plant Replacement

- Synchronous dispatchable generation, and A-CAES long duration enables reliable capacity replacement with flexible siting at the exact location needed
- Can leverage existing interconnection and infrastructure and defer fossil plant remediation



## Transmission Deferral

- Non-wires alternative to defer grid network investment
- Long-duration alleviates grid congestion during peak periods, and enables transmission alternatives requiring longer-term outage management
- Locatable reliable power for critical areas and infrastructure



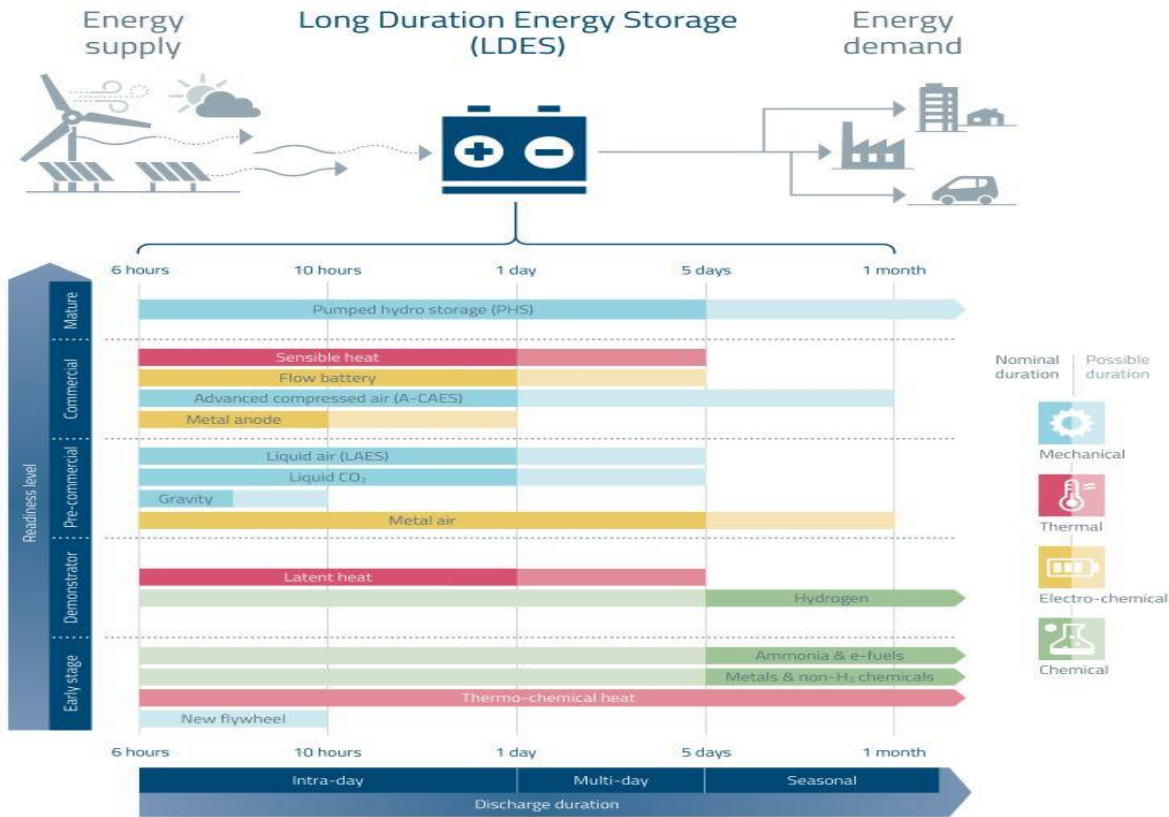
## Renewable Integration

- Provide dispatchable or baseloaded renewables
- Optimize large solar/wind project economics through time-shifting to reduce curtailment

# LDES – 8+hours; 24 hours; Weekly ....

## Long Duration Energy Storage **LDES** for the Power System

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# A Diverse Field of Technologies Eager for Deployment

Form of Energy Storage	LDES Technology	Storage Capacity (MW)	Nominal Duration (Hours)	Average Round-Trip Efficiency
Mechanical	Underground pumped hydro	10-100	0-15	50-80%
Mechanical	Liquid air	50-100	10-25	40-70%
Mechanical	Aboveground pumped hydro	200-400	0-15	70-80%
Mechanical	Liquid CO <sub>2</sub>	10-500	4-24	70-80%
Mechanical	Compressed air	200-500	6-24	40-70%
Mechanical	Gravity-based	20-1,000	0-15	70-90%
Thermal	Sensible heat	10-500	200	55-90%
Chemical	Power-to-gas-to-power	10-100	500-1,000	40-70%

# Contract Pathways



# Silver City

Broken Hill  
NSW, Australia



Precedent setting project that is providing transmission reliability service with a 200MW, 8-hour (1,600 MWh) long-duration storage project.

## Ownership:

- 100% Hydrostor

## Offtake contracts:

- TransGrid agreement – Non Wires Alternative
- NEM Offtake - Long Term Service Agreement (similar to Cap and Floor)

## Grant:

- ARENA (A\$45 million)





# Willow Rock

NW of Los Angeles,  
California, USA



500MW project in Kern County that has been selected/shortlisted to provide half of California's mandate for 1,000MW of 8-hour energy storage.

## Ownership:

- 100% Hydrostor

## Offtake contracts – Resource Adequacy Framework

- 3CE (200MW)
- Shortlisted (300MW)

## Project debt:

- Potential government loan
- ITC bridge loan



Permitting receipts: 2025  
Financial close: 2025  
COD: 2030

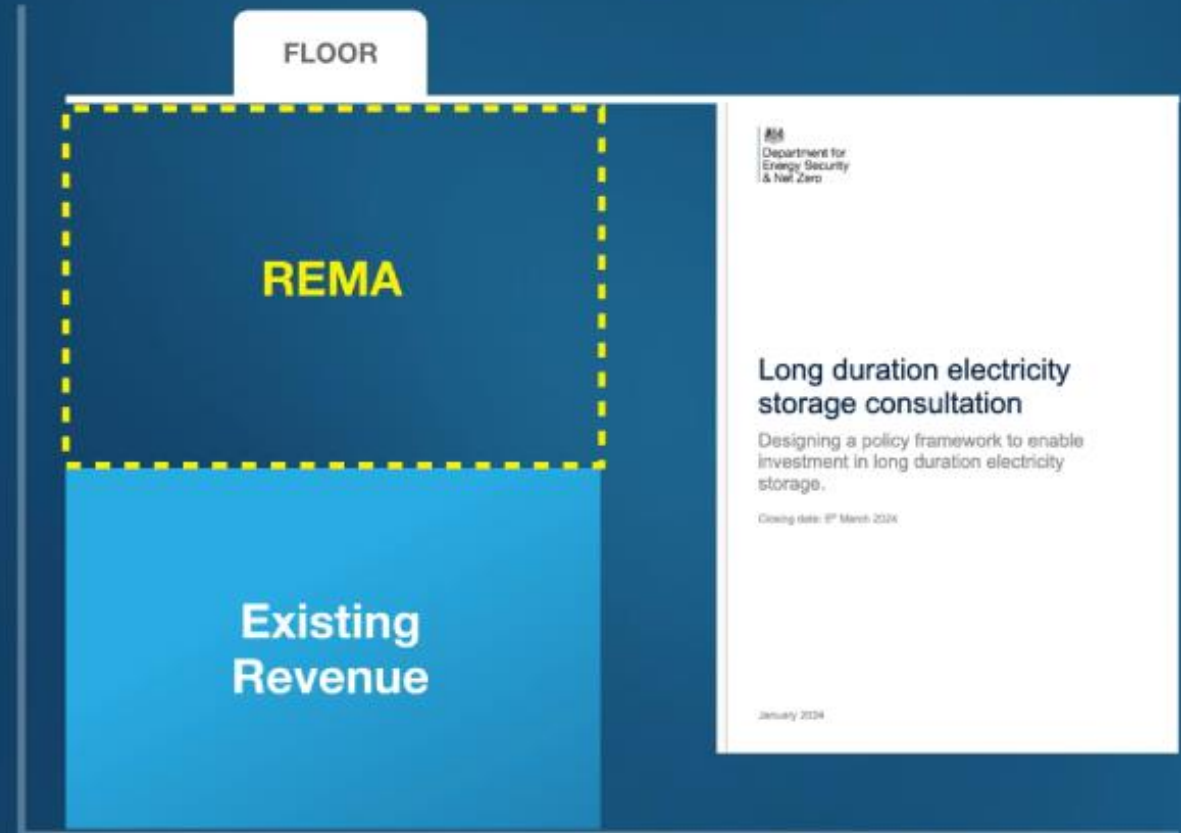


# UK Cap and Floor Proposal

Recognition by government that LDES will be pivotal in delivering a smart and flexible energy system. Deploying up to 20 GW of LDES estimated to result in system savings of up to 24bn (3.3%).

Cap and Floor scheme proposal to overcome barriers for deployment:

- Revenue certainty
- High upfront capital costs
- Long lead build times





# Hydrostor and A-CAES

# The A-CAES process

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## Compression

Off-peak or renewable electricity powers a compressor, which produces compressed air

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## Heat Exchanger: adiabatic heat storage

Heat generated during compression is extracted from the air and stored in the thermal management system for reuse

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## Air Storage

Air is pumped down the shaft into a water filled cavern

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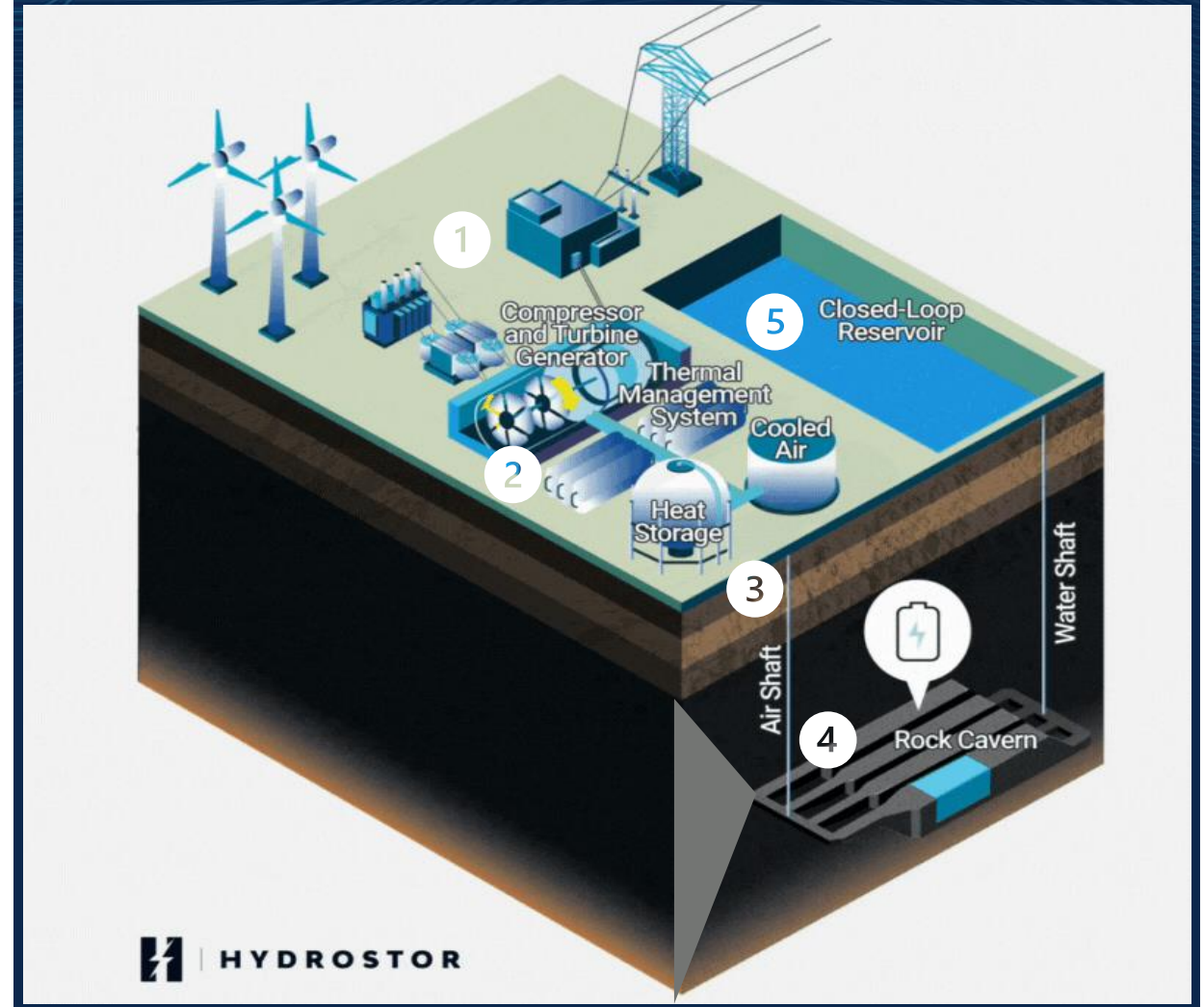
## Water Displacement: hydrostatic compensation

Compressed air forces water up the shaft to the surface reservoir

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## Fully Charged State

Once reservoir is filled, the plant is ready to provide electricity on demand by reversing process to drive a turbine





# Advanced-CAES improvements to Traditional-CAES

	Traditional-CAES	Advanced-CAES
<b>Proven technology</b>	Yes, >400MW's in service for over 50 years (multiple plants)	Yes, first commercial facility established in Ontario in 2019
<b>Supply chain</b>	Proven and established supply chain	Proven and established supply chain
<b>Emissions</b>	Yes, resulting from burning gas to re-heat air	No, 100% emissions-free
<b>Efficiency</b>	Low round-trip efficiency	Adiabatic process increases system efficiency
<b>Operating cost volatility</b>	Cost volatility dependent on natural gas prices	Stable operating costs based on off-peak electricity rates
<b>Siting flexibility</b>	Limited location options due to salt cavern requirements	Much more flexible due to use of hard rock caverns
<b>Intellectual property</b>	None	9+ patent families



290MW Kraftwerk Huntorf CAES Plant in Germany, operating since 1978



2MW Goderich Plant (Hydrostor's first commercial A-CAES facility)

# Long Duration Energy Storage Procurement Recommendations



- 1 Storage Targets – Resource Adequacy/Legislation
- 2 Financeable Product/Commercial Pathway
- 3 Interconnection and Permitting Pathways (Certainty)
- 4 Review of market arrangements and planning processes to recognize attributes of LDES
- 5 Incentives that support development for construction (ITC, loan guarantees)





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