



COMMERCIAL ENERGY MARKET REPORT

MARCH 2025

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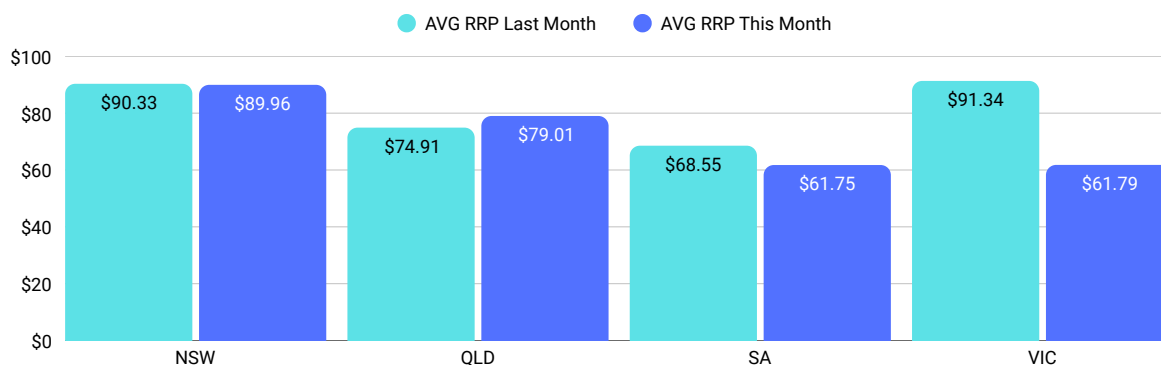
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Market Summary

- In March 2025, spot prices dropped across all NEM states except Queensland, which rose modestly by 5.5% month-on-month.
- New South Wales recorded a major price spike on 15 March due to demand exceeding 12,000 MW, peaking at \$17,480/MWh.
- Futures prices rose slightly across the board as more cap events occurred in QLD and NSW, increasing short-term market risk.

NEM SPOT PRICE

RRP - February 2025 vs March 2025



Australian Power Index - 12 Months



Analysis

- Spot prices softened significantly in VIC and SA, while QLD reversed February's dip with a modest recovery. NSW remained steady.
- Queensland also saw elevated prices but less extreme, while Victoria and South Australia continued to experience frequent negative pricing due to renewables.
- Contract prices rose slightly as markets absorbed Q1 outcomes and prepared for volatility during cooler months.



NEW SOUTH WALES

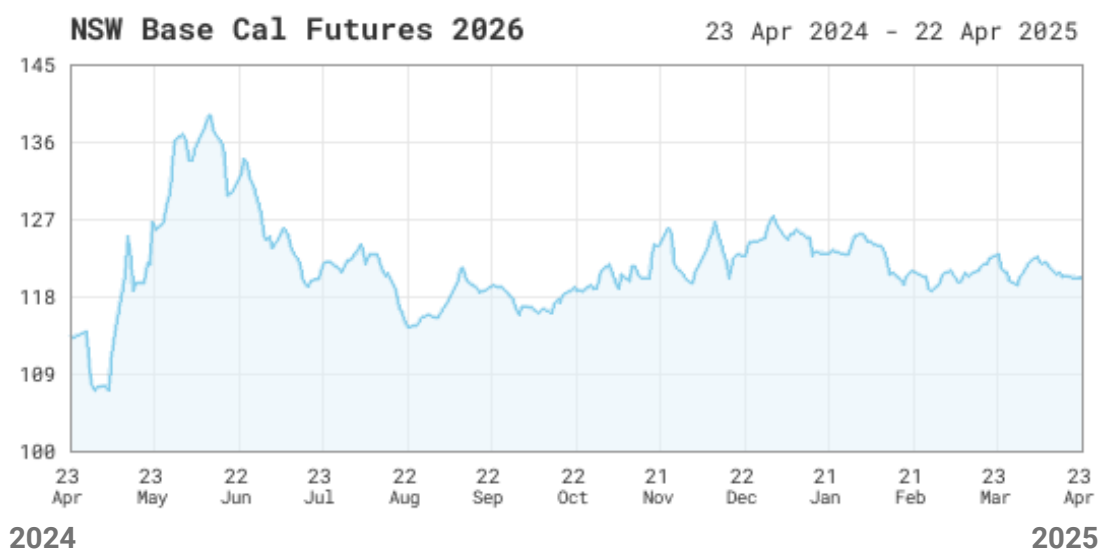


Market Rates

Spot prices were nearly flat, decreasing just 0.4% compared to February 2025.

Factors

A major price spike on 15 March was caused by demand exceeding 12,000 MW. Overall cap payout was lower than forecast.



QUEENSLAND



Market Rates

Prices rose 5.5% compared to February 2025.

Factors

A moderate rise in demand and cap pricing led to more expensive short-term supply costs.





SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Market Rates

Prices fell 32.3% month-on-month, the sharpest decline among NEM states.

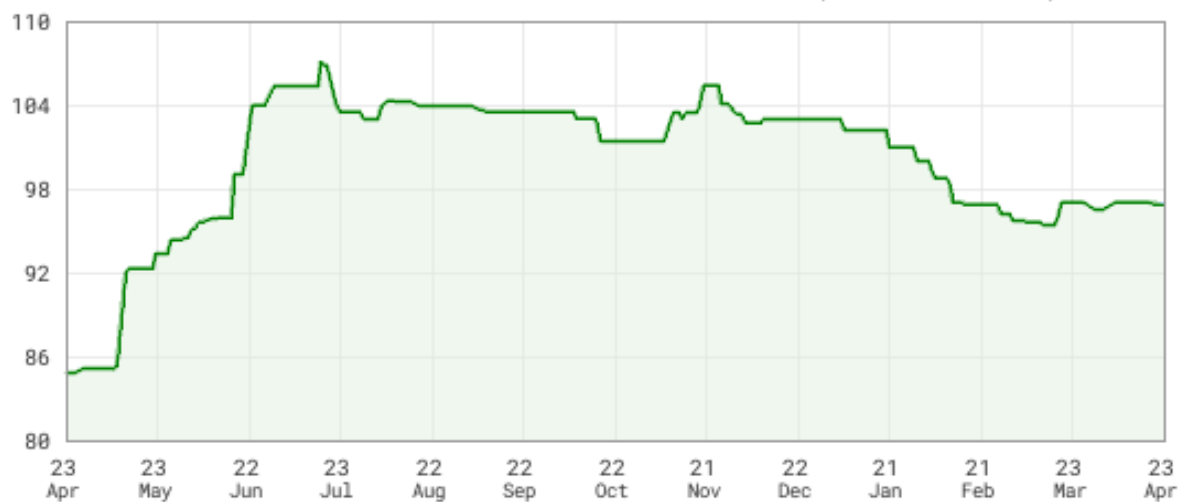
Factors

High solar penetration and low demand caused frequent negative pricing. No events reached above \$1,000/MWh.



SA Base Cal Futures 2026

23 Apr 2024 - 22 Apr 2025



2024

2025

VICTORIA

Market Rates

VIC prices dropped 9.9% from February levels.

Factors

Lower demand, strong interconnector flows, and stable generation reduced volatility. 1,786 five-minute intervals were priced at or below \$0.



VIC Base Cal Futures 2026

23 Apr 2024 - 22 Apr 2025



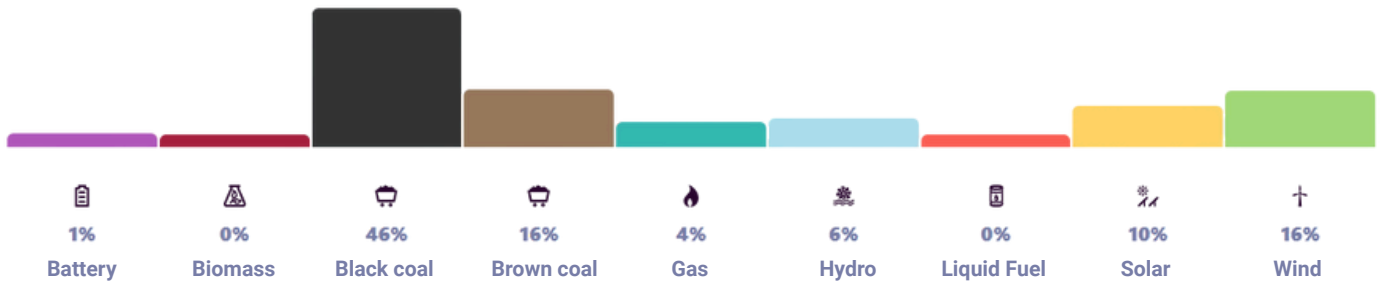
2024

2025

AEMO FUEL MIX - LAST 90 DAYS

Mix Summary

Total breakdown of fuel used



Black & Brown coal combined accounted for 62% of energy production in the NEM for the previous 90 days from April 22nd 2025, followed by wind 16%, Solar 10%, hydro 6% and gas 4%.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

- AGL begins construction on 500 MW battery at Liddell (NSW): The new grid-scale battery will repurpose the former coal site and improve firming capacity by 2026.
- AEMO updates demand forecasts: Revised projections show slower demand growth due to energy efficiency measures and commercial solar uptake.
- Project EnergyConnect's first stage becomes operational: In April 2025, the initial phase of Project EnergyConnect was energised, linking South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria. This milestone enables the transfer of 150 MW of renewable energy between the states, with full capacity of 800 MW anticipated upon completion of Stage 2 in 2027. For consumers, this interconnection is expected to enhance grid reliability, facilitate the integration of renewable energy sources, and potentially lead to more competitive electricity prices due to improved supply dynamics.

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