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What is the Orana Bess?

A large-scale BESS is beginning construction near Wellington in central-west NSW. Known as the Orana BESS, it has a capacity of 400MW, and provides up to 8 hours or 1660MWh of energy storage, delivered in two stages. The proposed site lies approximately 2km north-east of Wellington, adjacent to TransGrid's 330kV zone substation.

How much does Akaysha Energy's Orana Bess project cost?

Akaysha Energy has closed a financing deal worth A\$650m (\$438m) for the Orana BESS project in New South Wales, Australia.

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The Orana BESS Project aims to strategically enhance the Central-West Orana REZ, supporting the transition to increased renewable energy.

When will Orana Bess start commercial operations?

The Orana BESS is expected to commence commercial operations in 2026. Akaysha Energy has announced the closing of AU\$650 million financing for its Orana Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project.

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Akaysha's Orana BESS is being developed within the Central West 'Orana Renewable Energy Zone', adjacent to the TransGrid substation near Wellington, NSW. Early works have begun on the project, which will feature Tesla Megapack technology and Balance of Plant (BoP) will be delivered by Consolidated Power Projects Australia Pty Ltd (CPP).

Who financed the Orana Bess?

The Orana BESS is expected to commence commercial operations in 2026. Akaysha was advised on the financing by Azure Capital and Allens as borrower's counsel, with KWM acting as lenders' counsel. Ashurst acted as project counsel on the virtual toll. Transaction due diligence advisors were Ashurst, Aurora, DNV, KPMG, JPA and Marsh.

Akaysha Energy has closed a A\$650m debt raise with a group of eleven domestic and foreign banks that will provide construction funding for Akaysha's 1,660MWh Orana battery energy storage system (BESS) project in Wellington, New South Wales, Australia.

Akaysha Energy is backed by major investment group Blackrock and is behind a number of Australia's other biggest BESS projects, including the 1.65GWh Waratah Super Battery and 1.66GWh Orana BESS, ...

The Orana battery energy storage system (BESS) is also supported by a long-term energy service agreement



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with the NSW and Commonwealth governments that will require Akaysha to deliver at least half the capacity in the event of a supply shortfall declared by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).

Akaysha plans to construct a large-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) near Wellington in central-west NSW named the Orana BESS. This facility will boast a capacity of 415MW and store 4 hours' worth of energy, totalling 1660MWh. Construction preparations are underway, including road upgrades at the site access intersection.

The Orana BESS is expected to commence commercial operations in 2026. Success in the tender process saw the Orana BESS awarded a Long-Term Energy Service Agreement (LTESA), an initiative run by the ASL as part of the Capacity Investment Scheme as a means of ensuring revenue security by 'topping up' a project's expected revenue from the ...

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The funding brings the capital invested in Akaysha's Australian energy storage projects to a total of \$3 billion, and will finance the construction of Akaysha's Orana BESS project near Wellington, NSW, in the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone. The Orana BESS is set to add more than 1660MWh to Australia's National Energy Market.

PLANNING AGREEMENT for ORANA BESS Land to which the Agreement applies: Lot 2 in DP 1226751 which is subject to subdivision into Lot 1 in DP 1301494 ADDRESS: 6945 Goolma Road, Montefiores, New South Wales, 2820 Dubbo Regional Council (ABN 53 539 070 928) (Council) Wellington Battery ProjectCo Pty Ltd (ACN 655 856 652) (Developer)

The Orana Battery Energy Storage System, proposed by Akaysha Energy, includes the construction and operation of a 400-megawatt (MW) / 1,600-megawatt hour (MWh) lithium-ion battery energy storage system (BESS) and ...

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This project is a standalone Battery Energy Storage System- or BESS for short. The project is located approx. 60 km south of Dubbo Township and approx. 11 km south of Wellington Township in the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone. The towns host a combined estimated resident population of 47,000. Boasting 120MW and 264MWh this large-scale ...

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The Orana BESS has a capacity of 415 MW/1,660 MWh. It is the biggest four-hour BESS in the country's National Energy Market (NEM) and is among the largest worldwide. The BESS will utilise Tesla Megapacks for its battery technology, and Consolidated Power Projects will perform the balance the plant works, according to Ashurst.

Akaysha Energy has closed an A\$650m (\$438m) deal for the Orana battery energy storage system (BESS) project in New South Wales, Australia. The three-year facility will fund the construction of the Orana project, which is located within the Central West Orana renewable energy zone.

Separately, the company has confirmed it is "reorganising" work at its Niger operations to mitigate logistical impacts following the recent coup. Orano has revealed plans to extend enrichment capacity at its Georges Besse II uranium enrichment plant, and has begun the regulatory process to produce HALEU there. Separately, the company has ...

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Akaysha's Orana BESS is the largest in the national energy market at 415MW/1660MWh. Credit: Akaysha. Akaysha Energy has closed an A\$650m (\$438m) deal for the Orana battery energy storage system (BESS) project in New South Wales, Australia. The thr

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