# **NZ Battery Project**

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## Objectives

- Investigate options to resolve New Zealand's 'dry year risk' problem in a highly renewable electricity system
- Sits within the context of Government's 100% renewable electricity and net zero carbon goals
- Takes forward Interim Climate Change Committee recommendation to investigate pumped hydro
- Assess viability of pumped hydro as part of the Project's primary objective, and consider this against viable alternative technologies



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PHASE 1 April/May 2022	PHASE 2 Late 2023/early 2024*	PHASE 3 Early 2024 onwards	
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A feasibility study and	Detailed engineering design	Construction	
preliminary field work to	and field work, leading to a		
identify viable energy	final investment decision		
storage options			

\*If Lake Onslow is feasible and is the option chosen.



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### Phase 1 key workstreams

### Lake Onslow Pumped Hydro



Environmental assessment: desktop work underway, fieldwork planned

Hydrological and ecological modelling: planned

Engineering and geotechnical investigation: desktop and field work planned

#### **Other Pumped Hydro**



Identify other pumped hydro options: underway

Assessment and evaluation of other pumped hydro options: planned

#### **Other Comparators**



Long-listing of comparator technologies: underway

Short listing: planned

Detailed studies of viable alternatives: planned

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