# The role of hybridisation in energy cost reduction

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Contracts, uncertainty and capturing value

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### Agenda







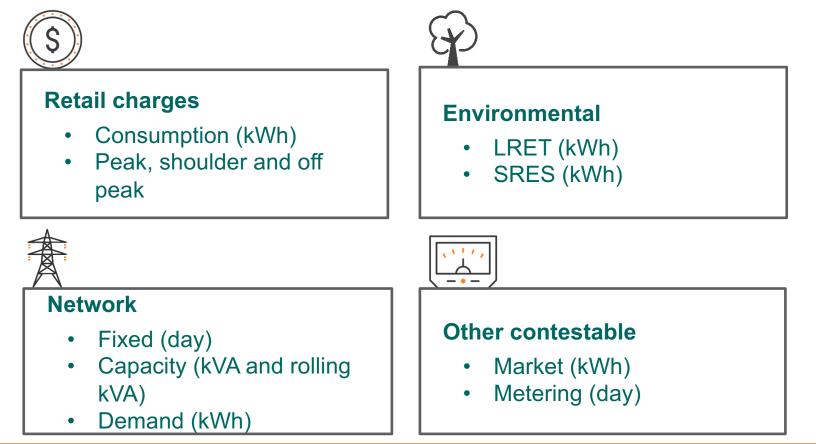


### What does your energy dollar buy?





## What does your electricity \$ buy?

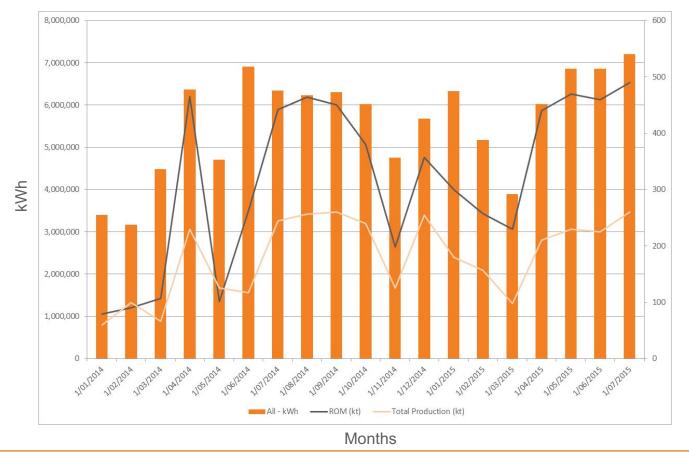


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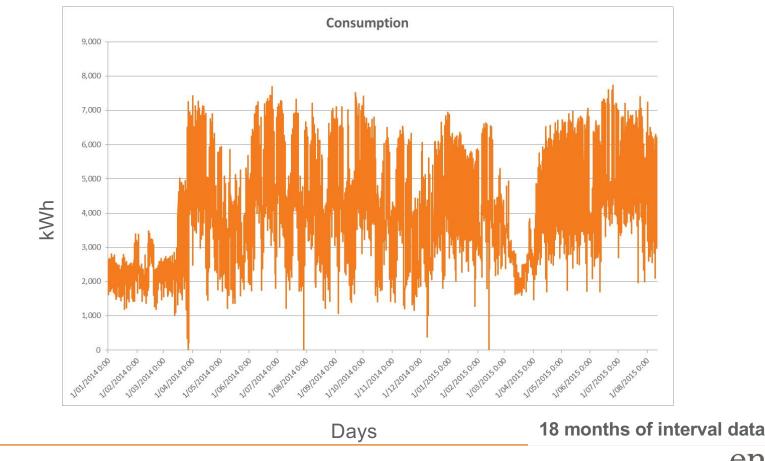
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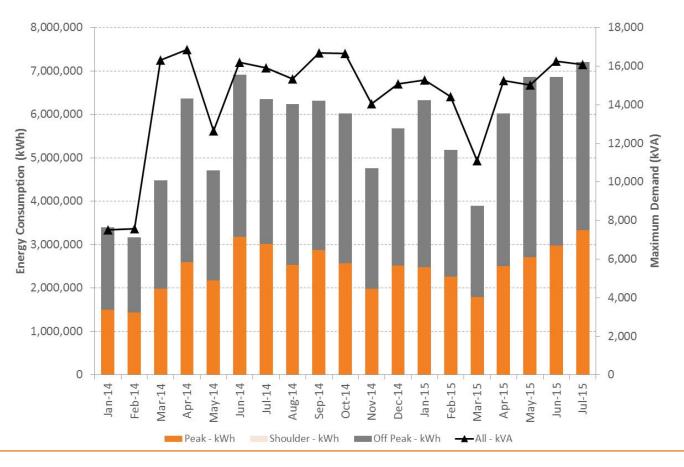
### Based in 15 minute interval data







### Breaking down time of use

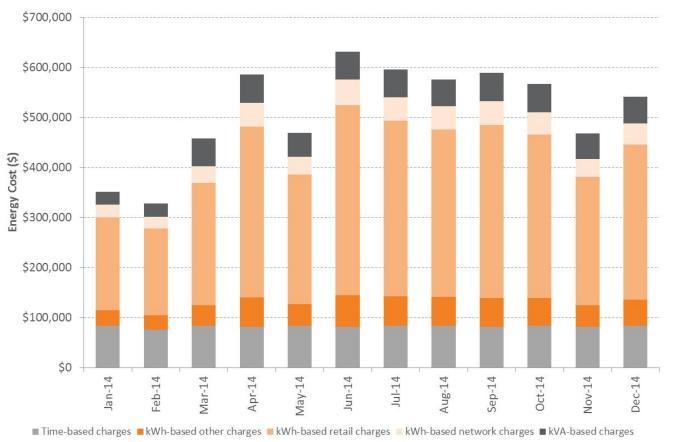


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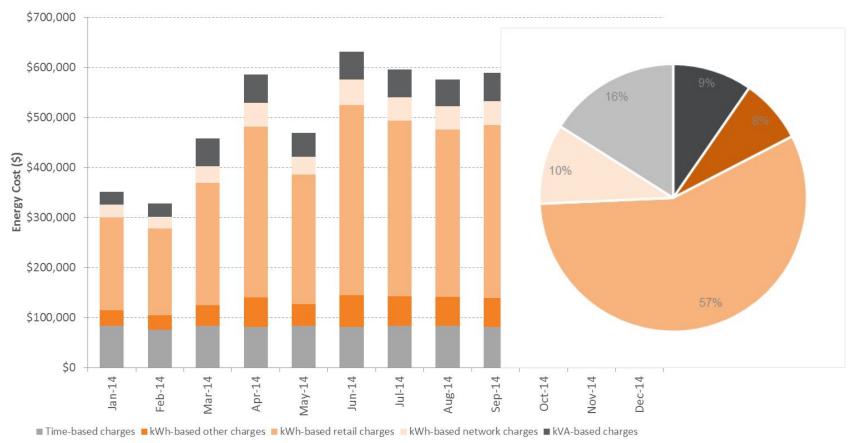
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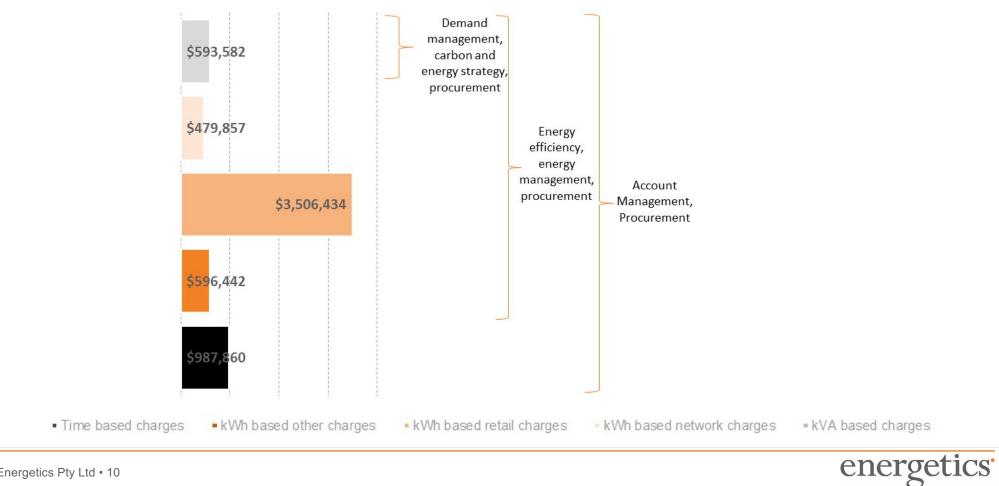
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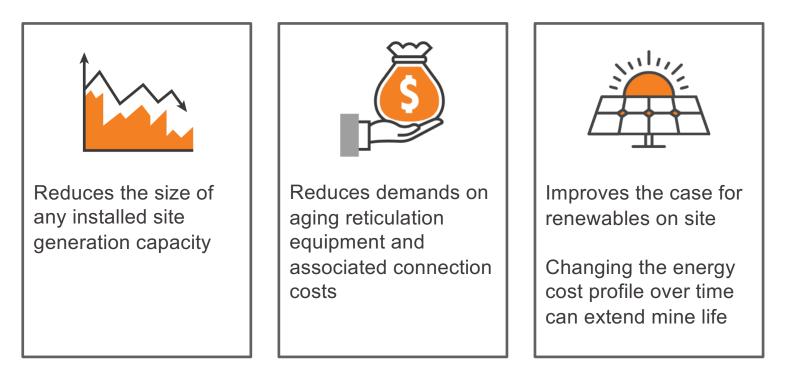
### How can this be improved?





### The bigger picture

Lower total energy demand has multiple benefits:







# The site challenge

- Energy savings are typically under-estimated when treated as a fixed cost: \$ per kWh
- Consider impacts of reductions in:





- Energy costs should be encoded as non-linear functions in business cases and optimisation
  - Time
  - kWh
  - kVa

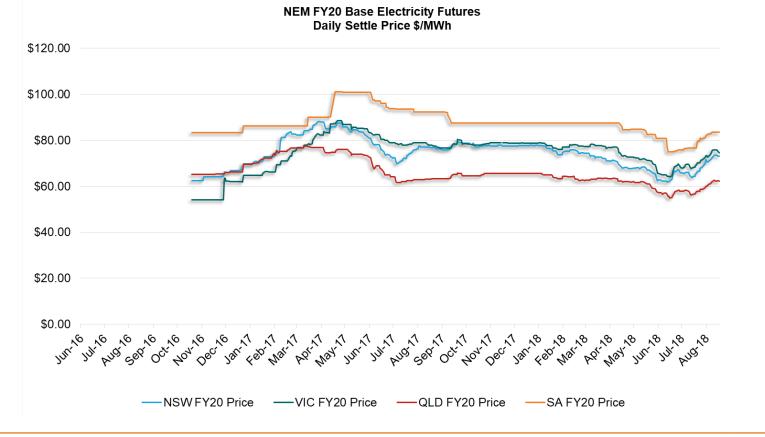




### Costs will remain high



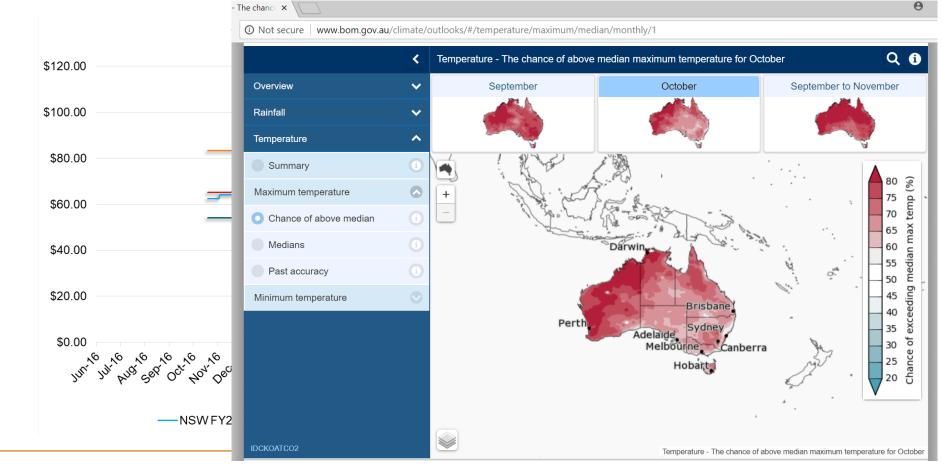
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http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/temperature/maximum/median/monthly/1



### Market drivers

Drivers	Description	Impact
Supply factors	Availability of inputs, constraints in existing generating assets, fuel costs	Mainly inflationary
Demand factors	Demand from other sectors (industrial and manufacturing reducing), uptake of behind the meter solar	Deflationary
State regulations	Changes to environmental certificates, support for renewables projects	Deflationary
Federal regulations	Changes to RET, energy and climate policy TBC	TBC



#### The role of renewables





# **Incremental hybridisation**

- Secure long term prices for part of your load
  - Manage Environmental costs
  - Additional funding sources (CEFC, ARENA)
- Flatten site load, reduce or shift peaks
  - Reduce total consumption and total price
  - Role of site reticulation systems
- Batteries prices are tumbling, will enhance uptake of renewables
- Additional benefits
  - Increase life of mine
  - Asset remains post closure

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Hybrid power generation for Australian off-grid mines, ARENA, June 2018, https://arena.gov.au/assets/2018/06/hybrid-power-generation-australian-off-grid-mines.pdf



## Sandfire/DeGrussa case study

- The site
  - 19MW diesel gensets
  - Average load: 11MW
  - Average power usage: 100 GWh per annum
  - Average diesel consumption: 25,000,000 l/a
- The project
  - Commissioned in 2016, 5.5 year PPA with the site, 20 hectares, +34,000 panels
  - 6MW lithium-ion batteries (smoothing, ramp rate control)
  - \$41 million (\$20.9 from ARENA)
  - Supplies 15-20% of site consumption, 21 GWh per year, reduces diesel by 5,000,000 l/a

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### Where to next?





### Summary

What does your energy dollar buy?	Energy prices will remain volatile	Renewables can help you fix a long term price	What next?
Contract structures and time of use considerations	Many drivers outside control of the site	Reduce price risk, increase project life	Understand the real cost of energy, reduce consumption, manage price volatility

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