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Business Hunter welcomes Waratah Super Battery progress

The regions peak business industry group, **Business Hunter** has welcomed the formal announcement by the NSW Government of the location Waratah Super Battery, which will be on the site of the old Lake Munmorah Power Station.

This announcement is another step toward the development of the Battery, which will help to build grid stability as we face new technical and operational challenges in managing the energy transition in the future power grid.

Business Hunter CEO, Bob Hawes said “It is pleasing to see progress on this important piece of infrastructure, and it responds in part to calls from business for greater energy certainty in the transition from non-renewables to renewable sources of energy.”

“As we exit coal-fired power stations we must deal with generation capacity and grid reliability, and we welcome the next step toward establishing the Waratah Super Battery, which will play a critical role in adding firming storage capacity to complement foreshadowed wind and solar generation,” said Mr Hawes.

“With Eraring due to close in 2025 the Waratah Super Battery is just one part of the puzzle in realising the vision for the Hunter Central Coast REZ. It will have the capacity to support 150,000 homes for about four hours; we’re going to need a whole lot more than that when you consider the needs of industry.”

“We’re still some distance away from being able to provide the community and businesses the assurance and certainty of a continuation of reliable and affordable energy supply, particularly in the short term. Hopefully this announcement sends a signal to investors and project proponents that we are on the move, and we will see very soon plans and ideas transformed into projects and commissioned generation and storage.”

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