

Media Release

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LARGE SCALE BATTERY IN KERANG TO DELIVER MORE AFFORDABLE ENERGY

Federal Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad has welcomed the announcement of a large scale battery located near Kerang as part of a plan to provide more affordable and reliable energy in Victoria.

The Federal Government, through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) is committing \$25 million for two large-scale batteries located near Kerang and Ballarat.

“Together these batteries will provide 55MW of energy and 80MWh of storage capacity, helping to provide more affordable and reliable energy in the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions,” Mr Broad said.

“These batteries will be used to store renewable energy not currently in use and also inject stored energy into the grid when in high demand.”

The battery near Kerang will be co-located with the Gannawarra Solar Farm, providing 25MW of energy and 50MWh of storage capacity.

“This will be Australia’s largest integrated battery and solar farm, with the capabilities to provide power to a minimum of 800 homes for 24 hours,” Mr Broad said.

The project is also supported by the Victorian Government with co-matching fund of \$25 million.

“This is just one of the measures the Australian Government is taking to ensure reliable and affordable energy for all Australians and stability of the grid even during peak times,” Mr Broad said.

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