

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Portfolio: Essential Services

Agency: Power and Water

Subject: Timeline and location for community batteries

QUESTION:

Can the timeline for the announcement and locations for the three new pilot community batteries please be provided.

ANSWER:

Power and Water has identified preferred locations for a small-scale trial of three distribution-connected batteries.

The preferred locations are distributed across Darwin, Palmerston and the rural area. The preferred sites were identified based on network need, including areas with higher rooftop solar penetration, power quality issues or operational constraints.

The progression of the trial remains subject to Northern Territory Government consideration and direction.

Should the trial proceed, final site confirmation would be subject to detailed engineering assessment, site-specific approvals and engagement with relevant stakeholders, including councils and impacted community members.

Accordingly, no announcement date has been determined, and no locations have been confirmed.