

ZEN and the art of the solar sponge

An inquiry into Community Batteries

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- our long and winding road
- it's the data, brainiac
- who's got the buckazoids

Audience challenges

- ZEN and the art of motorcycle maintenance: an inquiry into values
 - 1974 philosophical book about quality by Robert M. Pirsig
- our long and winding road
 - Beatles recent AI song - "Now & Then"
 - "The long and winding road" - Let It Be album(their last)
- It's the data, brainiac
 - Bill Clinton campaign - "it's the economy, stupid" - advisor James Carville
- who's got the buckazoids
 - currency in "Space Quest" Sierra video games - 1986-1995.
Galactic adventures of janitor Roger Wilco whose quest was for
"truth, justice & really clean floors"

generation



demand



excess generation

remote

profit

local

centralised

emissions

network

distributed

big

net zero

community

small

monopoly

collective

individual

govt policies

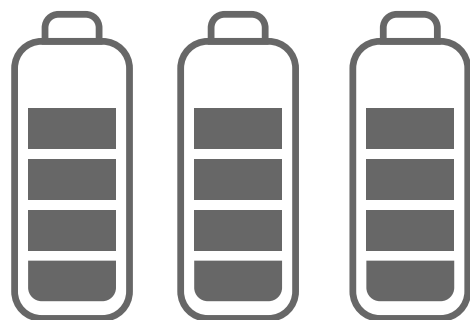
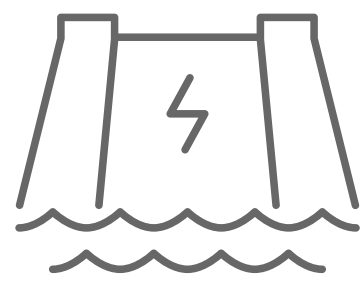
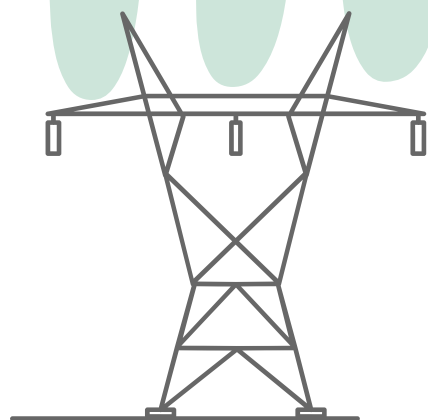
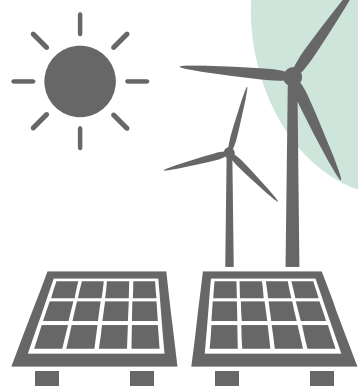
act local

HV

MV

LV

shared benefits



lots of 'storage' forms necessary



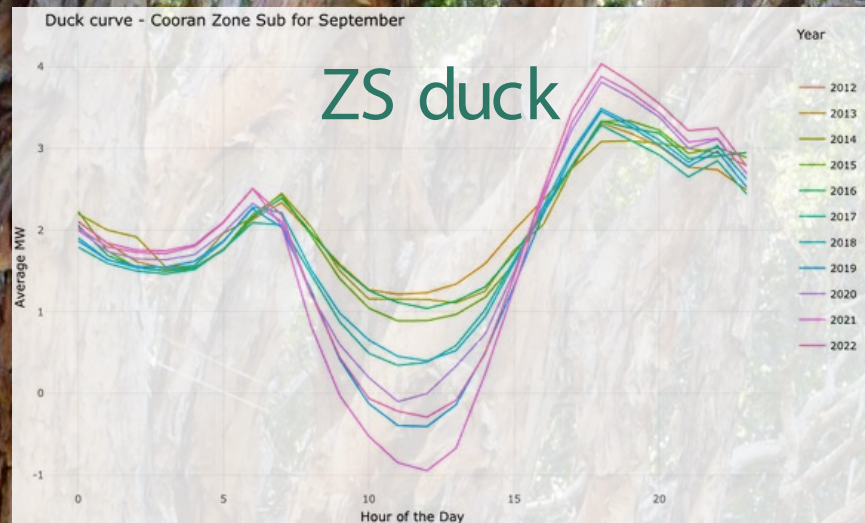
social licence

who wins in the transition

nega watts
demand shift
energy efficiency

zero

emissions

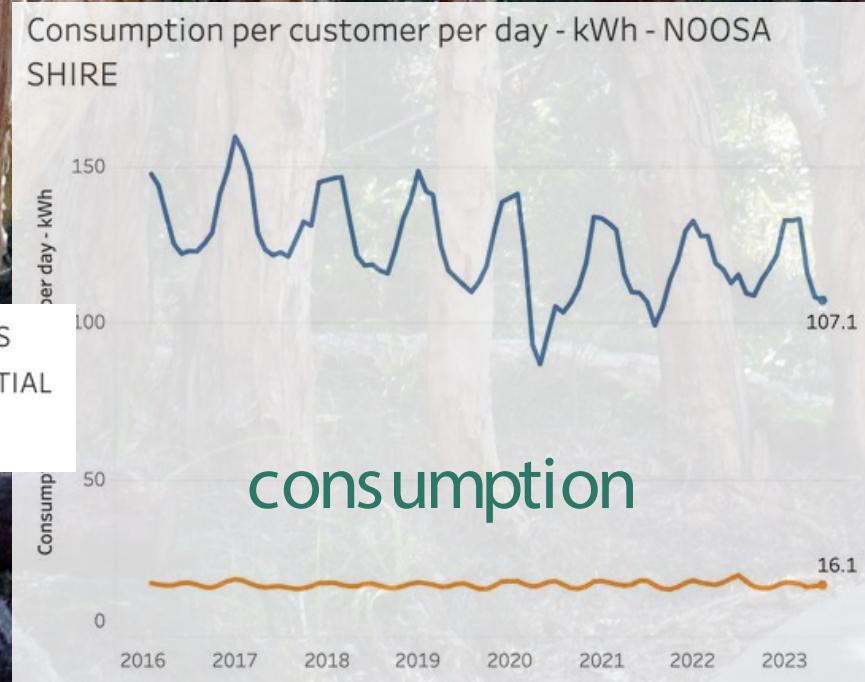
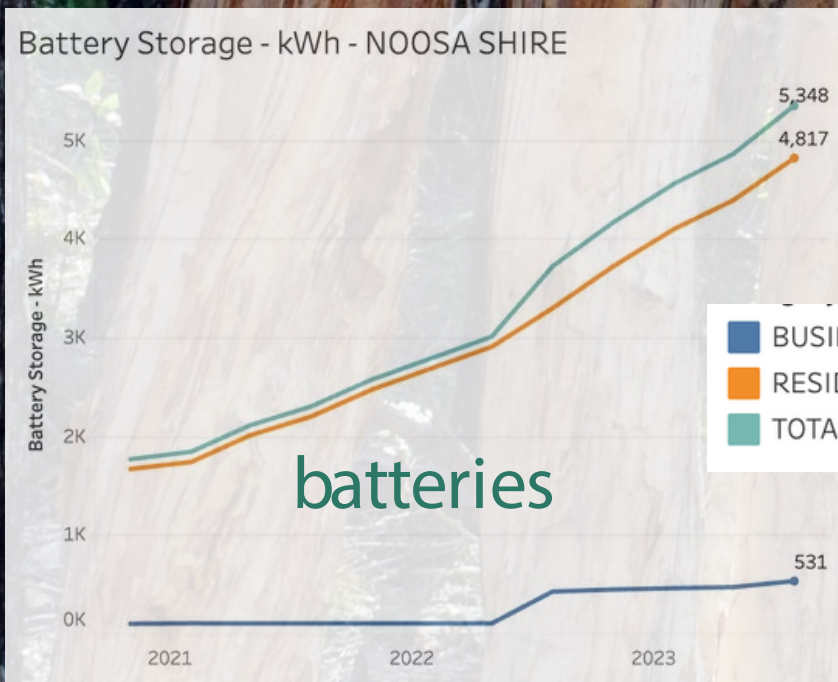
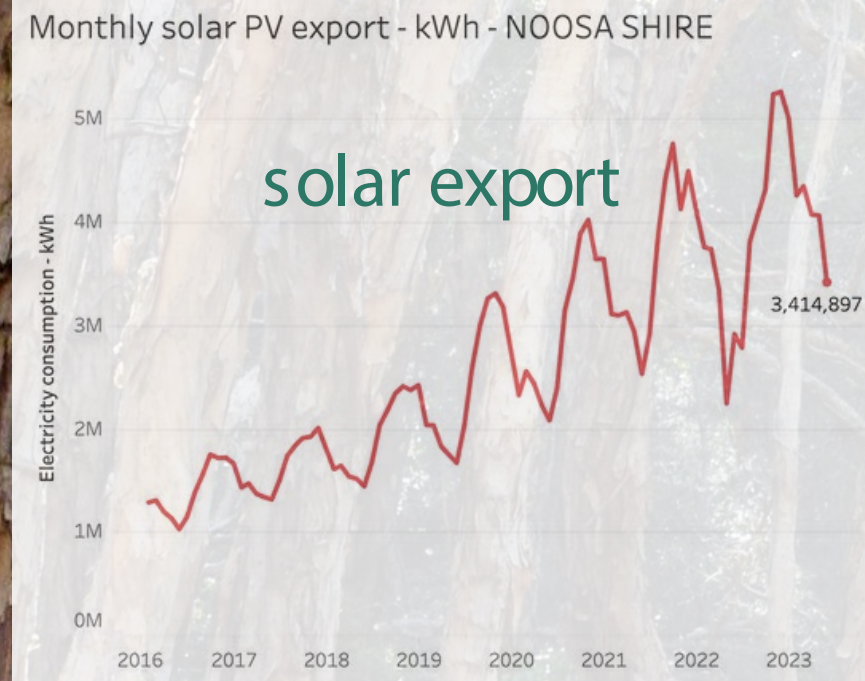
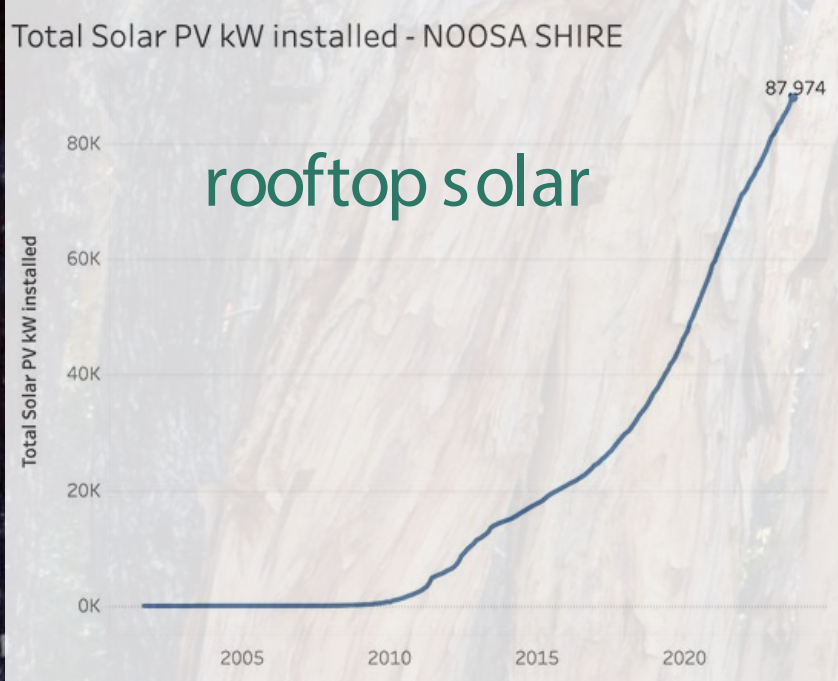


We're local, ethical, data driven

How can we be part of the solution?

Community Battery words resonate

Too hard for volunteer group on our own



Make a plan

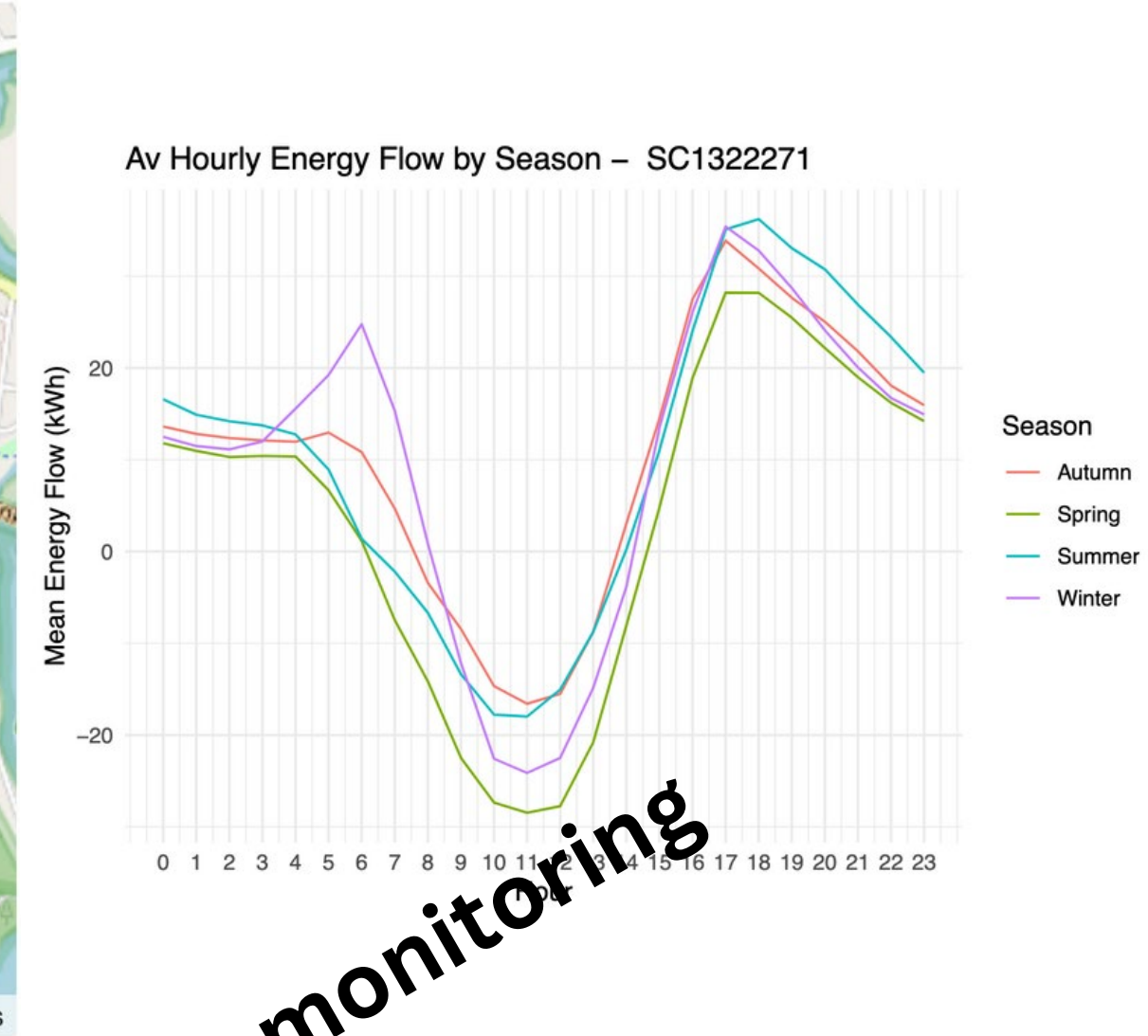
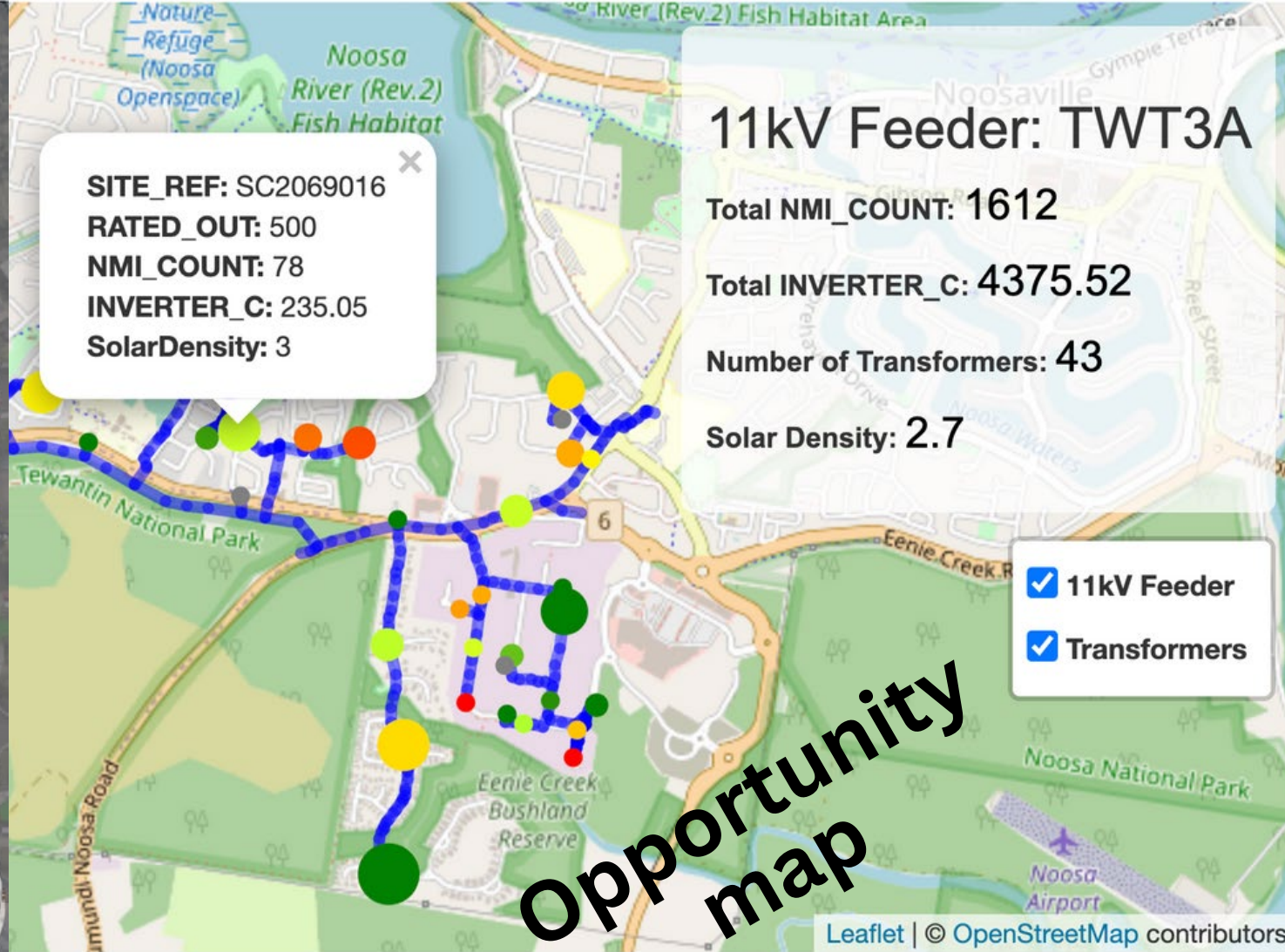
- initial study - thanks Heather Smith + Vikki McLeod - Noosa Council funded
- Qld Dept Environment - sustainability grant *
 - Business Plan for a Network of Community Batteries in the Noosa LGA
 - engaged experts - YEF Chris Wallin, ex-EGX Steve Fairless, The Social Deck(pro-bono), strong Steering Group, EGX collaboration
- Enabled Noosa Council, YEF & ZEN to partner to win \$500k DCCEEW grant**
 - only non DNSP in Qld
 - underway - community engagement now
 - 120kW / 360kWh commissioned - before June 2024
- Enabled bid for ARENA EOI - unsuccessful
- Roadmap informed by our real project

* This project has received funding support from the Queensland Government's Community Sustainability Action grant program

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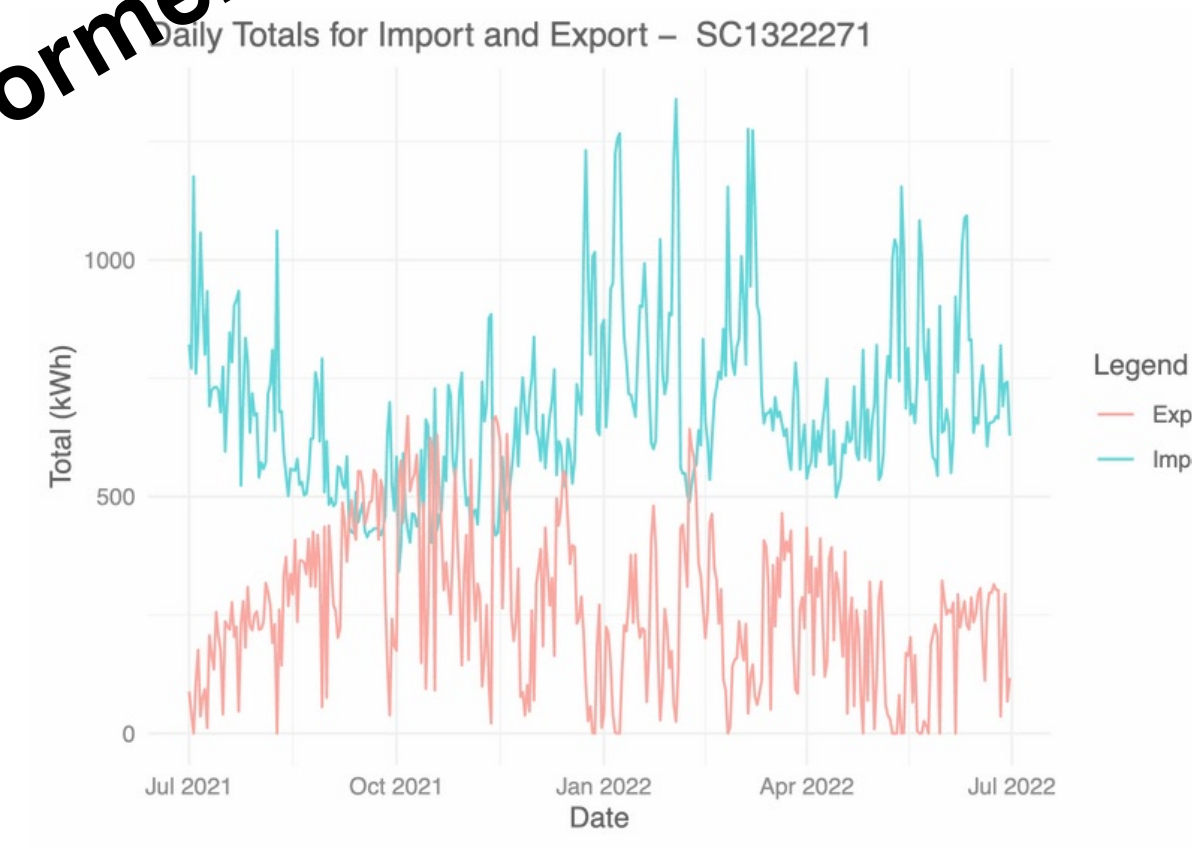
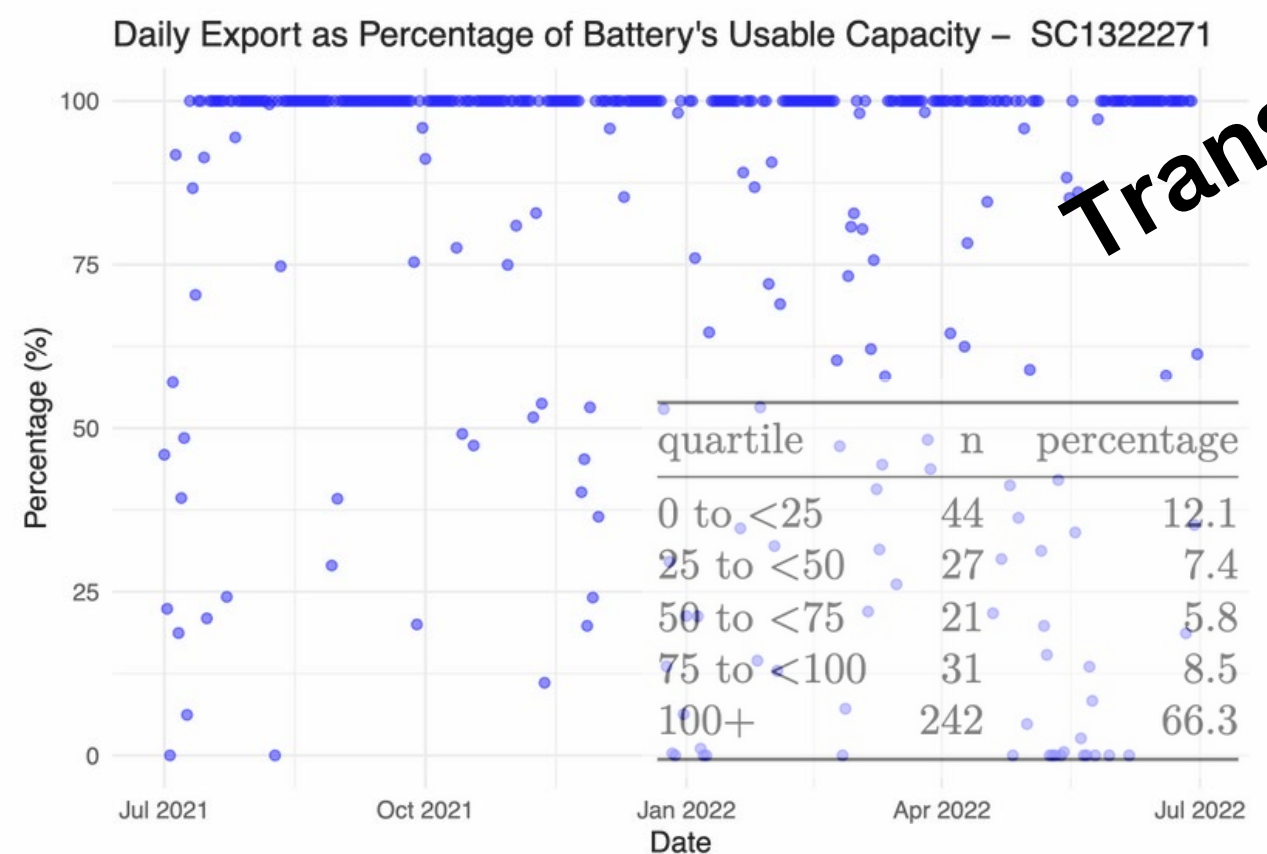
Sandman's Advice to the Unpopular: "Failure is easy. It takes no planning at a

Noosaville Community Battery catchment area



Opportunity map

Transformer monitoring



Sites

Community

Business Model

Connection

Approvals

Operating

Engineering

Partners

Finance

Where's the money coming from?

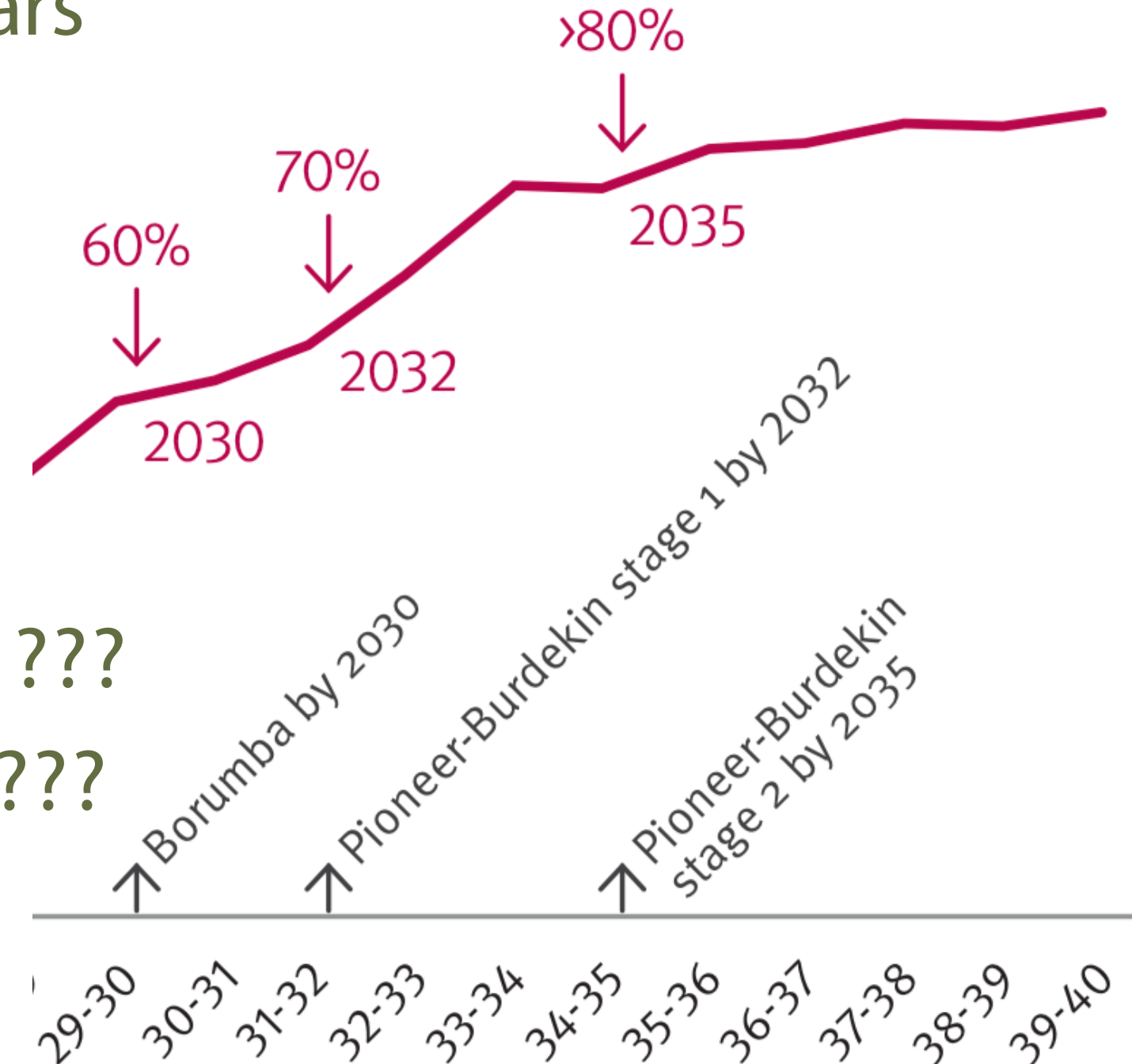
- currently no case for commercial investment
- reliant on grants, incentives, subsidies
- even 1/2 CAPEX, 2 X Revenue, 1/2 OPEX
- very modest NPV

based on YEF 11 year
modelling

arbitrage + FCAS + CB tariff

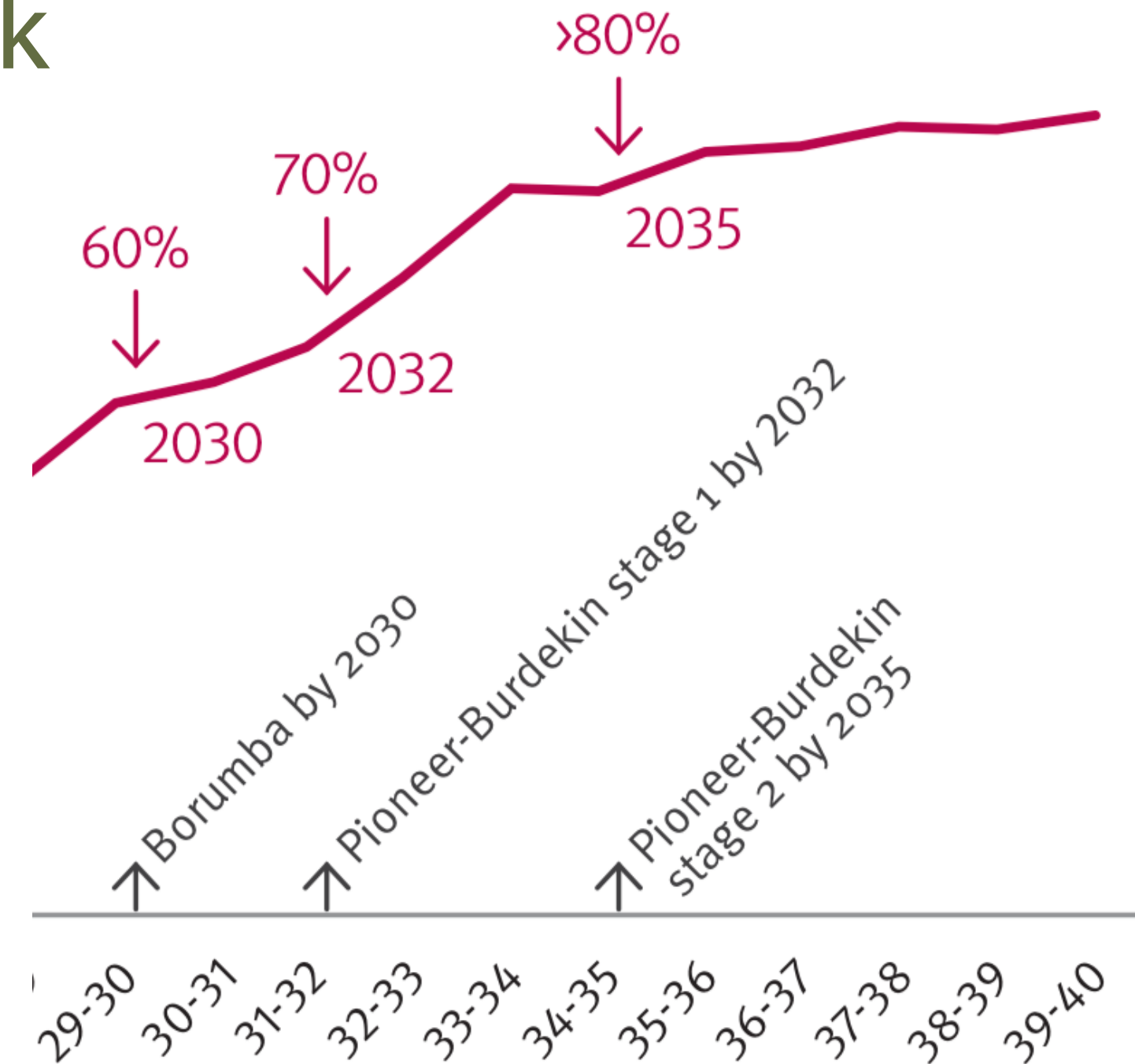
Possibilities?

- combine solar PV + batteries
 - commercial solar + battery BTM - ROI 4-5 years
- Queensland Energy & Jobs Plan
 - REZ + big storage + transmission
 - 2 x PHES + big batteries
 - political rather than NPV/ROI decisions ???
 - will CAPEX, timeframe, social licence be met ???
 - Energy Storage Strategy - sometime in 2024 ???
 - EQld - "Local Network Battery Plan"



Possibilities?

- DCCEEW pilots should demonstrate
- CBs as standard, ubiquitous, low risk
- Could Qld E&JP also invest
- lots of MV & LV CBs
- to mitigate big infrastructure risks
- other smart ideas ?



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Batteries

- Council + community + experts -> roadmap
- brainiac data
- we're ready - show us the way to the buckazoids



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