# **SOLAR** PRO. How big a battery is to have super power

#### Where is the world's biggest grid-scale battery located?

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#### How flexible is a battery?

The figure below illustrates just how flexible the battery actually is. In the space of four seconds, the battery is capable of going from zero to 30MW(and vice versa). In fact it is likely much faster than that (at the millisecond scale), but the data available is only at 4-second resolution.

#### Can a battery deliver more power?

"A battery can deliver far more power than anybody ever thought. In recent decades, electronics have gotten small. The thinking parts of computers have gotten small. And the battery has lagged far behind. This is a microtechnology that could change all of that. Now the power source is as high-performance as the rest of it."

#### How many houses could a battery power?

If all the batteries currently in the pipeline were operating at full capacity, they could power around 10 million households, for one hour (see diagram below). Diagrammatic comparison of the approximate number of houses which could be powered by batteries currently operating with those in the pipeline (Victoria and South Australia).

#### Could a big battery be built in Victoria?

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#### How many big batteries are in the pipeline?

However, there are more than 40big batteries with a total capacity of more than 7,400 MW in the planning pipeline (click here for more detail). If all the batteries currently in the pipeline were operating at full capacity, they could power around 10 million households, for one hour (see diagram below).

So how super is super? The battery is approved to be 850MW with a guaranteed continuous active power capacity of at least 700MW and an energy storage capacity of 1680 MWh. To put that...

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Selecting Your Battery System. Once you have determined your total load, you can select a battery system that can meet your power needs. Battery systems are rated in terms of their energy storage capacity, typically in kilowatt-hours (kWh). You should select a battery system that has enough storage capacity to meet your total load.

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