

DEVELOPING A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL GAS MARKET

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“We must navigate the global economic storm that the war in Iran has unleashed. We must emerge from it stronger, more resilient, more secure and more self-reliant.”

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese 23 March 2026

“The world is being remade around us. We don’t have time to stand around admiring problems. We must make Australia stronger, smarter, safer – and more resilient to the shocks that keep coming.”

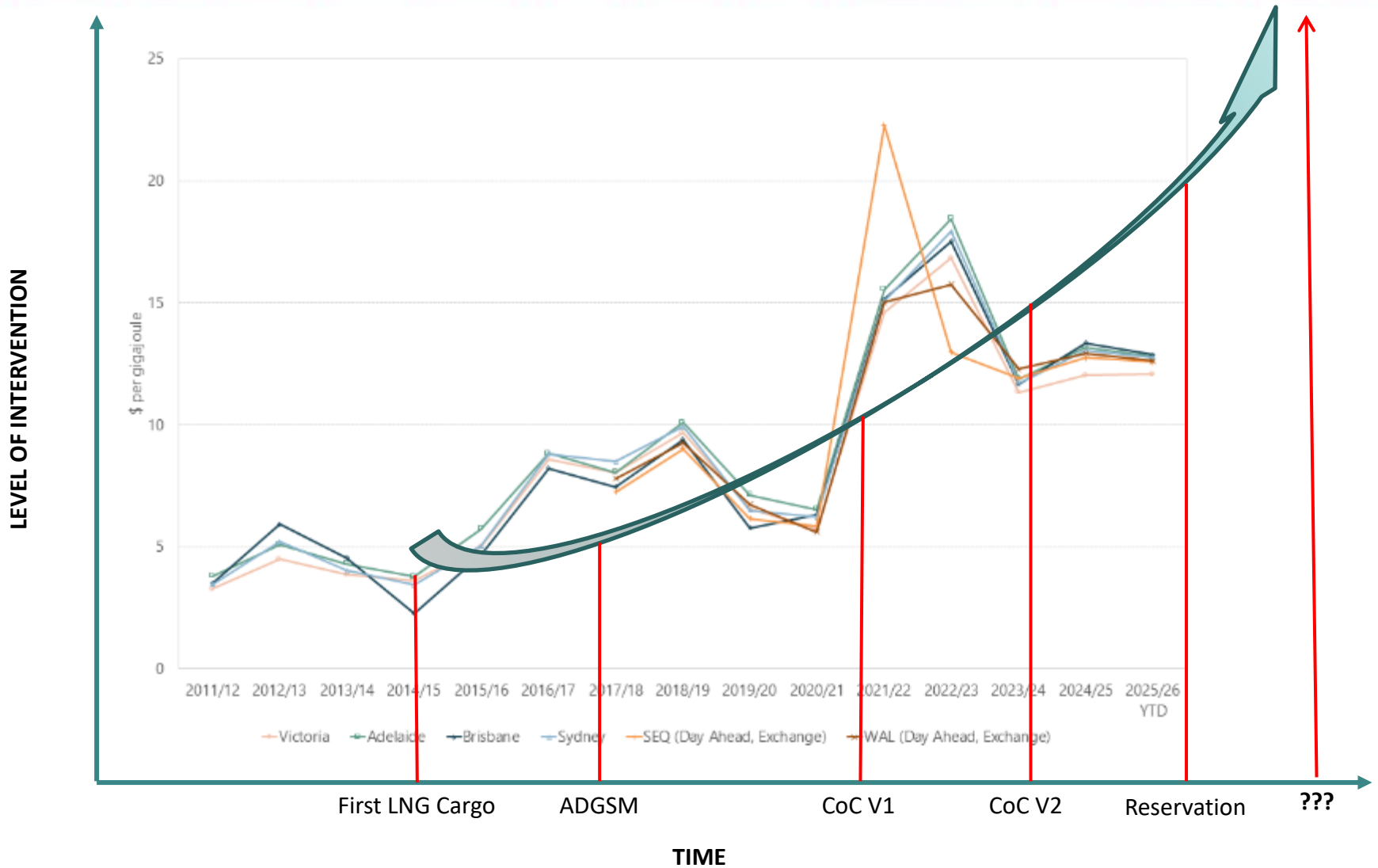
Industry Minister Tim Ayres 25 March 2026

“We can’t outsource our energy security.....we’ve got to be able to stand on our own two feet.”

Andrew Hastie – Shadow Minister for Industry and Sovereign Capability

18 March 2026

EVOLUTION OF INTERVENTION

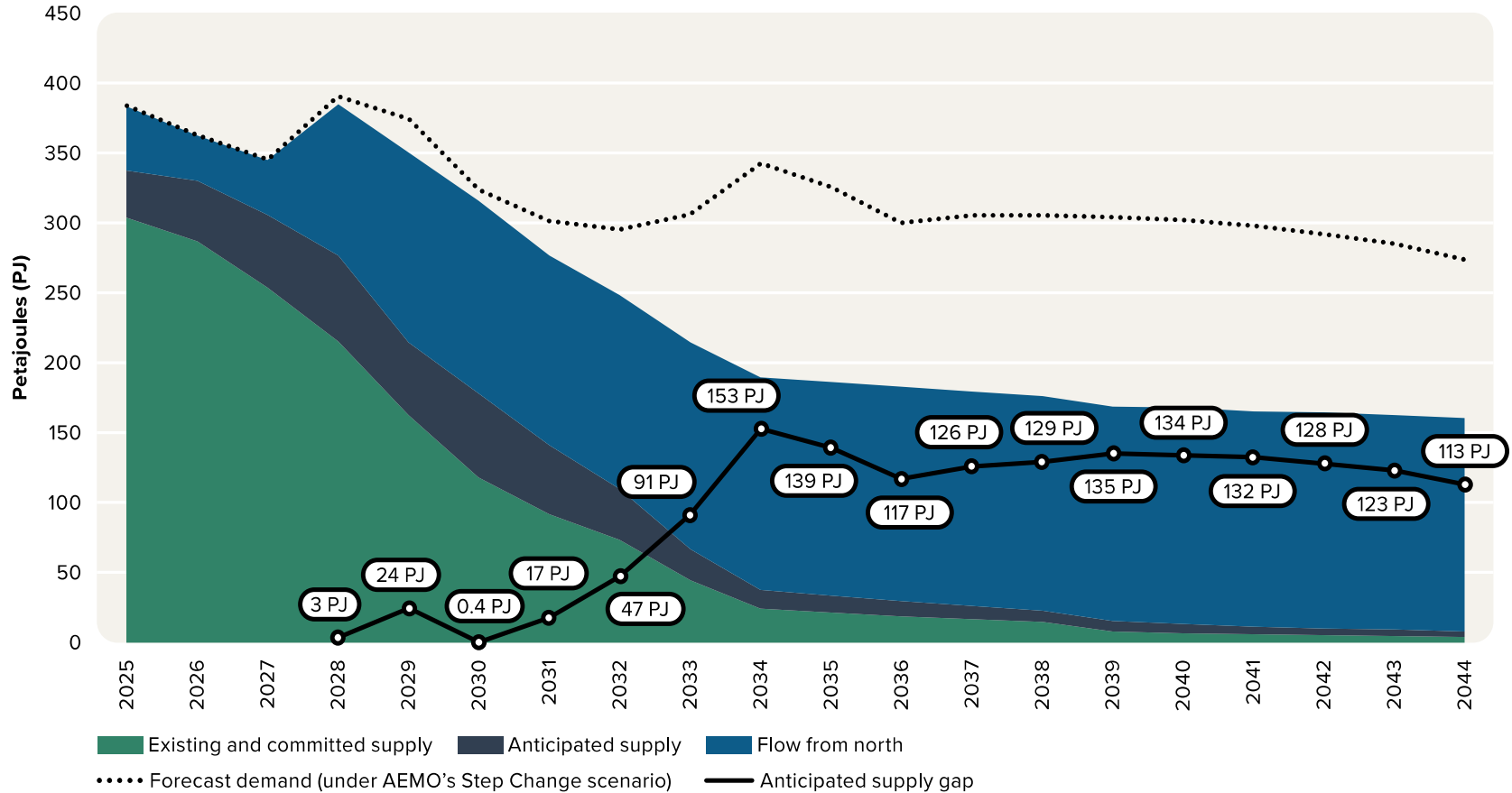


WE ALL WANT TO GET OFF THIS RIDE!



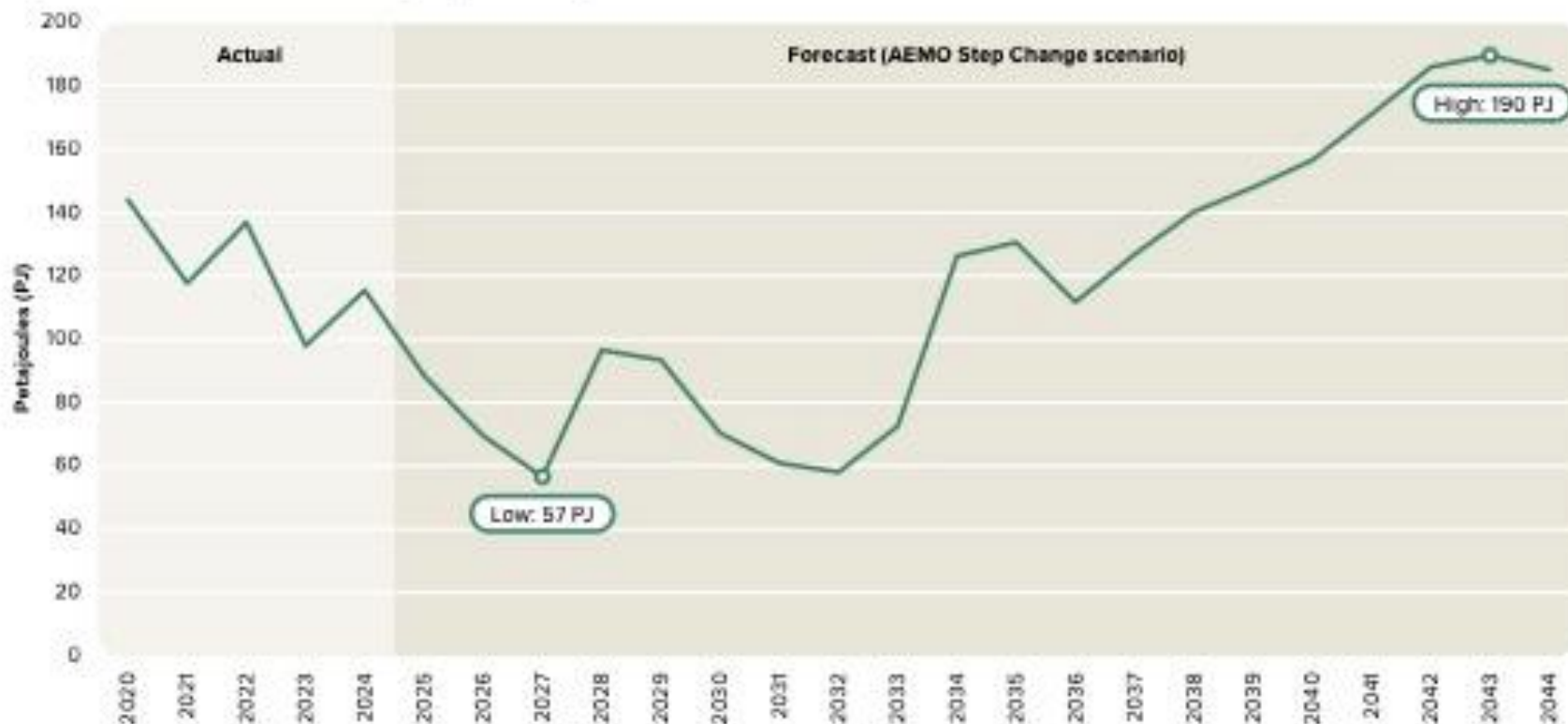
WE NEED NEW SUPPLY

Figure 1.5 Projected gas supply adequacy in southern regions



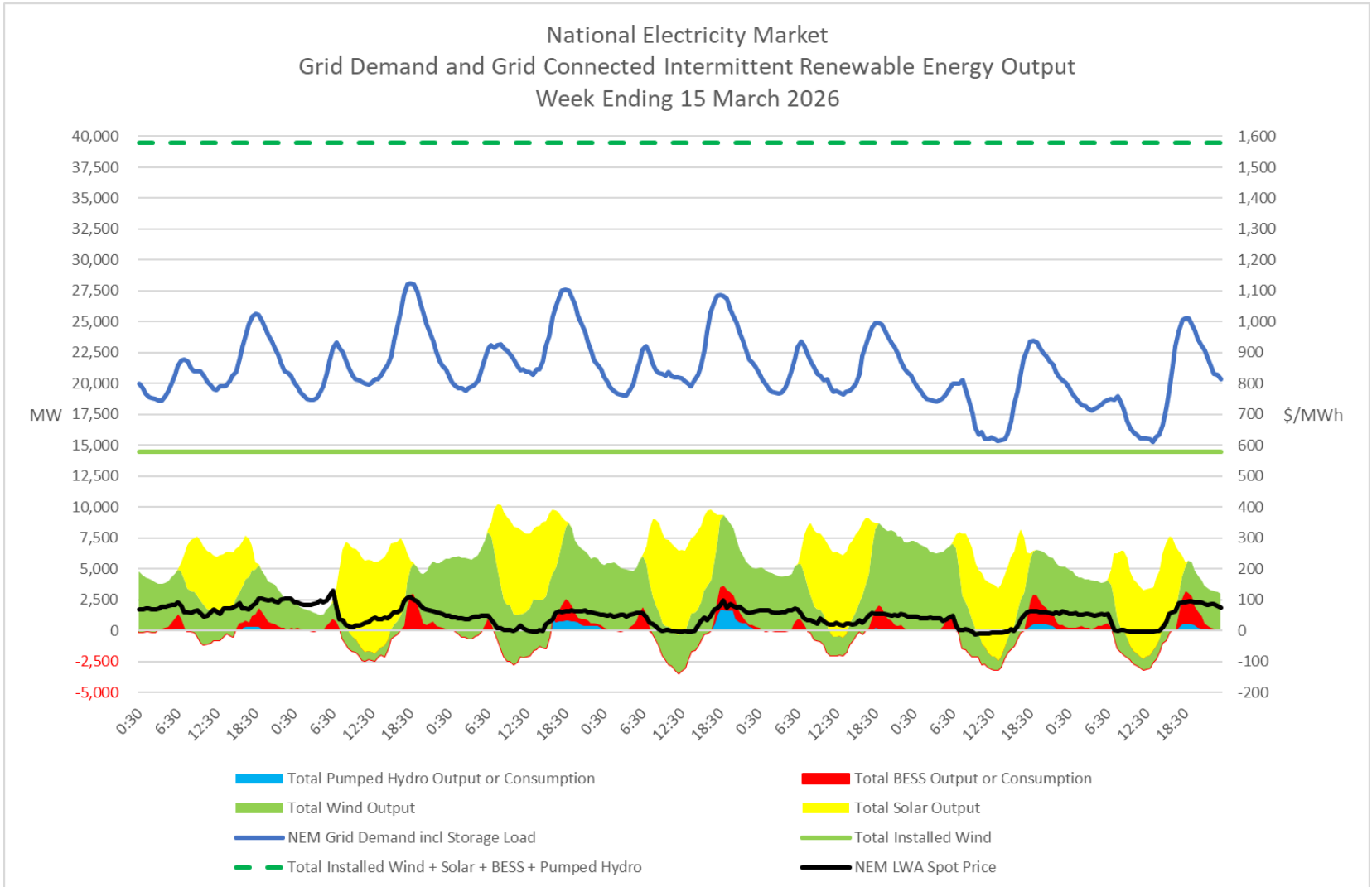
THE NEM WILL CONTINUE TO NEED GAS

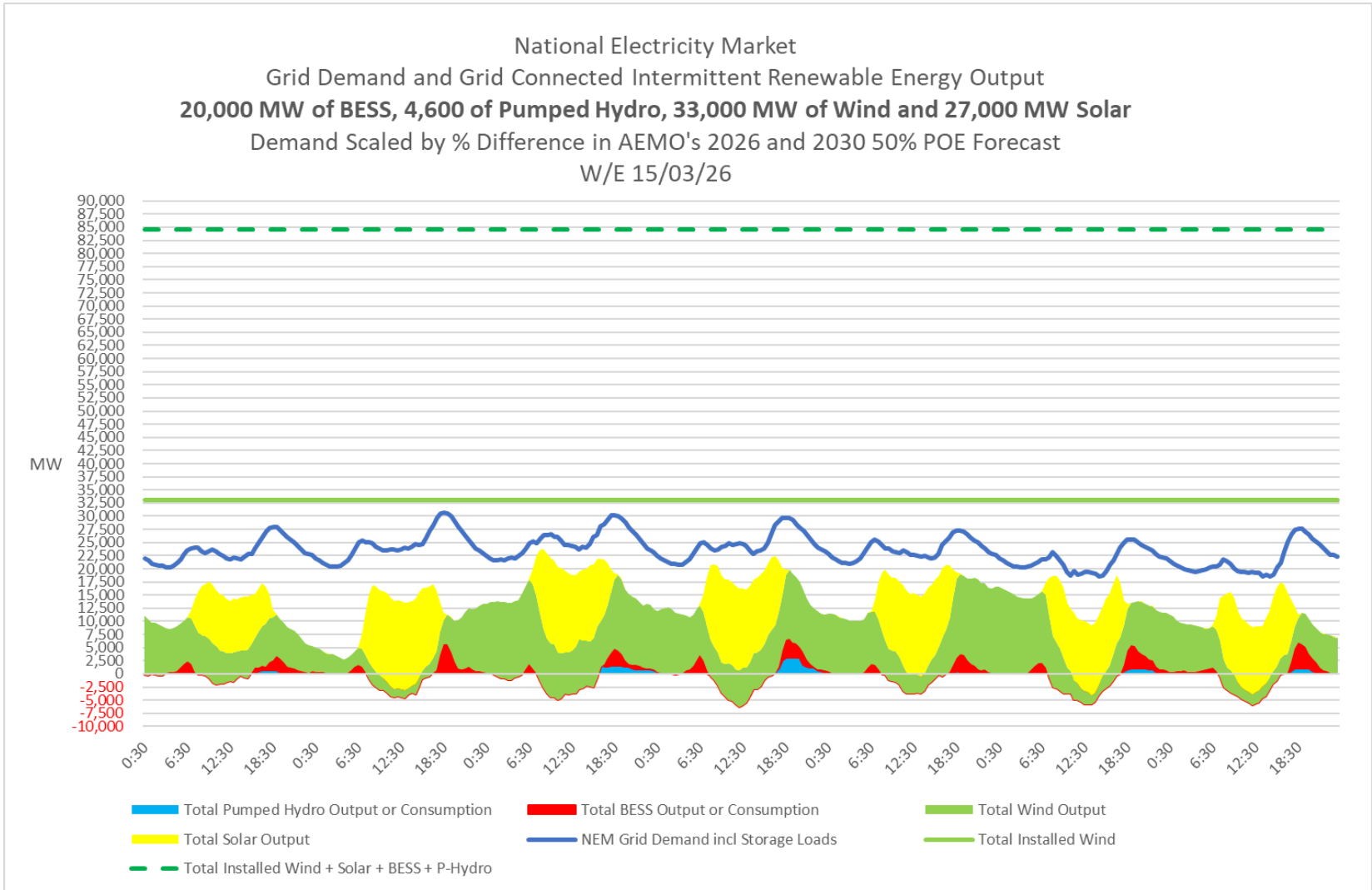
Figure 1.6 Gas demand for gas-powered generation

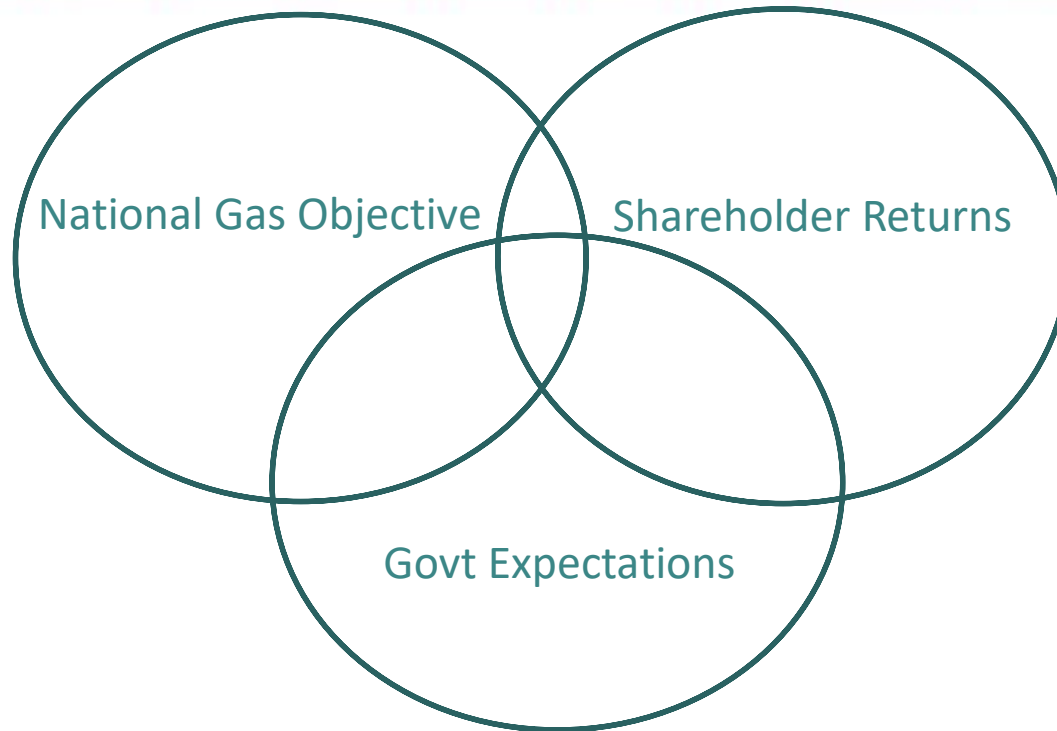


Note: Includes Northern Territory.

Source: AEMO, Gas Statement of Opportunities, March 2025.







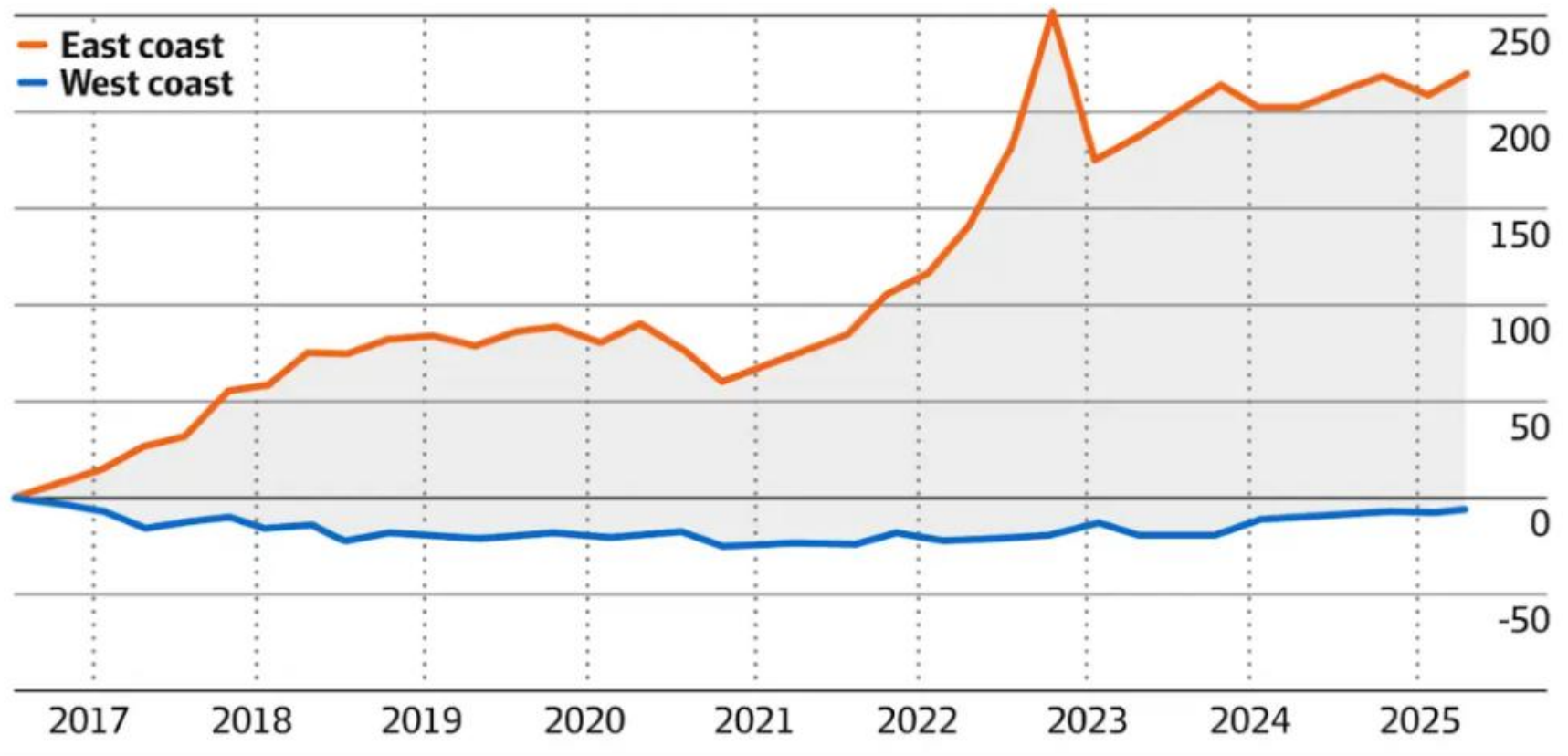
*The National Gas Objective as stated in the [National Gas Law \(NGL\)](#) is:
“to promote efficient investment in, and efficient operation and use of, covered gas services for the long term interests of consumers of covered gas with respect to: price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply of covered gas; and the achievement of targets set by a participating jurisdiction— for reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions; or that are likely to contribute to reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.”*

- Domestic gas reservation as an export licence condition.
- Improved market transparency:
 - Expand AEMO GBB
 - Revise unworkable CoC EOI processes
- Removal of other interventions only after domestic reservation in place.
- Expand north-south pipeline capacity.
- Expand southern storage.
- Streamline planning and approvals.
- Potential for “surgical” government underwriting; proposed AEMO powers is not a good idea.
- Not convinced of the value delivered by LNG import terminals.
- Clearer signals from governments about the future role of gas.

A TALE OF TWO MARKETS

Australian wholesale gas prices (% change)

SOURCE: ABS, ENERGYQUEST, STATISTA



- Design simplicity – export licence approach, no exemptions.
- Reservation percentage – annual targets supported by robust modelling, equal liability amongst shippers, targets to be modified over time.
- Additional gas production – scheme (targets) must be set to encourage increased gas production (but not every marginal gas well should be drilled).
- Price outcomes – scheme (targets) must put downward pressure on domestic prices; AER to produce long-run cost benchmark.
- Governance framework – annual statement of compliance provided to parliament, export licence condition, regular reporting on delivery/actual supply.
- Existing contracts – both supply and buy-side to be honored, extending existing contracts prohibited.

We recognize that gas market reform can only do so much and the extent to which there is a value gap, industry policy needs to play a role.

