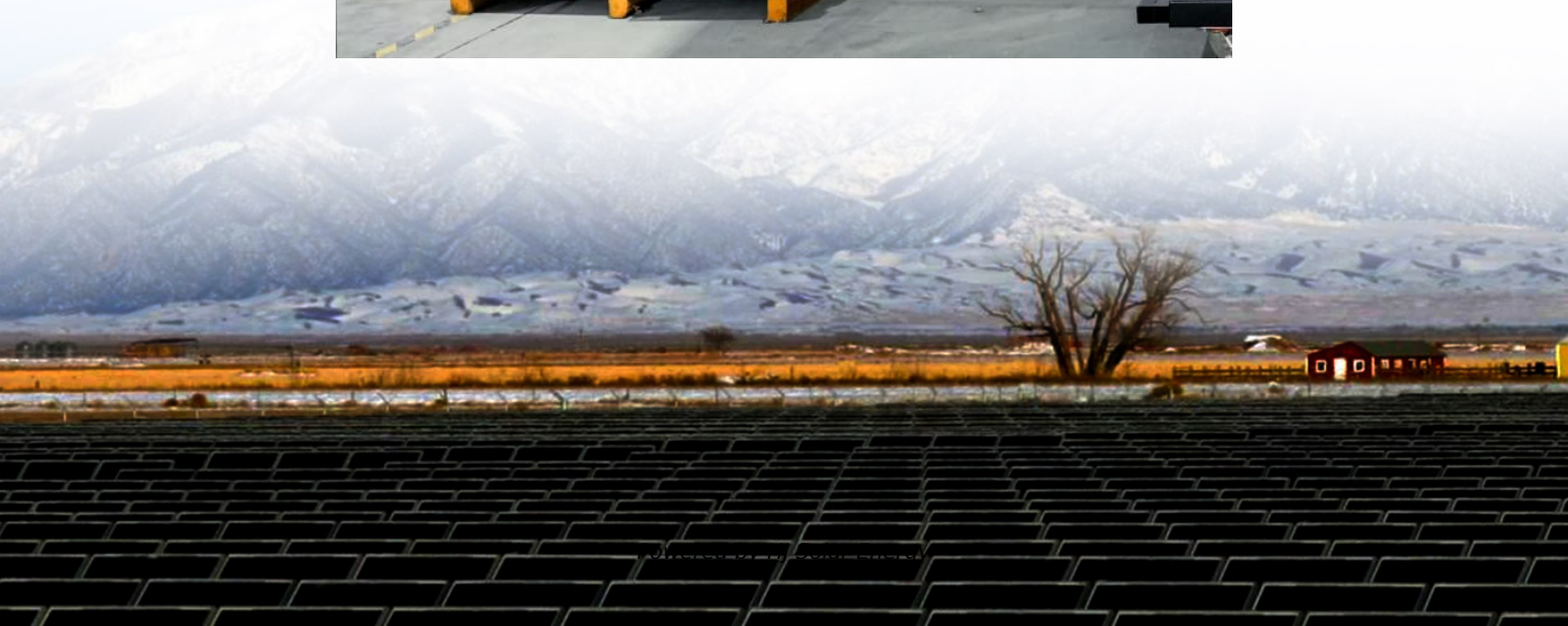


# **Could solar wind and batteries be cheaper than nuclear**





## Overview

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In this blog we compare the costs. The picture here under shows the number of nuclear reactors now under construction. Of the 59 plants under construction shown.

The global energy landscape is shifting as countries weigh the costs and benefits of nuclear power versus renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydro. With economic feasibility being a major driver of energy policy, a thorough cost-benefit analysis of these technologies is essential.

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CSIRO has found the cost of electricity generated from nuclear reactors by 2040 would be about \$145-\$238 per MWh, compared to \$22-\$53 for solar, and \$45-\$78 for wind. So that's at least twice as much for nuclear, or up to 10 times as much when comparing with the lowest-cost solar. As you can see. Does nuclear cost more than wind and solar?

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Is a solar grid cheaper than nuclear?

After adding the costs of storage, peaking (from gas) and transmission to the cost of building renewable projects, building a grid powered by 90% wind and solar is still at least one-third cheaper than nuclear, even before the costs of transmission and waste management needed for nuclear.

Are renewables cheaper than nuclear reactors?

Since renewables are cheap and getting cheaper, they can be built and rebuilt for less than the cost of building nuclear reactors once and then maintaining them over the same period. This chart below compiled by ABC News with data from Oxford Global Projects shows nuclear projects are hard to beat in cost blow-outs.

Why is nuclear energy so expensive?

This is because we have no workforce or experience with building nuclear energy, increasing the risks of cost blowouts and delays that commonly plague such projects. Nuclear energy is still at least twice as expensive as renewable power, even after accounting for its longer operating life.

Is nuclear power too expensive in Australia?

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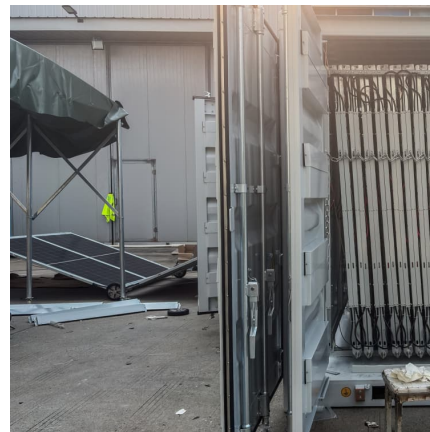


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## **Could , ENGLISH PAGE**

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### Could

Could is also used to talk about ability in the present, but it has a special meaning. If you say that someone could do something, you mean that they have the ability to do it, but they don't in fact ...

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