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Hi,

In reviewing the Draft Water Strategy in the context of the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap and the PHES Roadmap there seems to be minimal mention or consideration in relation to hydro or pumped hydro.

The strategy states:

Water also has an important role to play in NSW's energy future. The NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap outlines the opportunities for pumped hydro in NSW as an important form of energy storage to complement renewables like wind and solar energy, while also stimulating regional NSW economies through construction and operation, supporting jobs and attracting new industries.

At this point, noting the high profile of PHES in the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, comparatively the Water Strategy does not discuss the potential growth of PHES in any detail. In terms of WALs for PHES this has always seemed to be an interesting concept that hydro or pumped hydro are not water consumers rather passing through or storing water in the main. Is there intended to be any further detail of how their water uses may be delineated away from actual water use ie. removal from the system?

We would be keen to understand if the consideration regarding the intersection of energy and water will be expanded under the Strategy to meet the needs of both programs.

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