# Economics of <a href="#otological">tCell</a> Based Grids

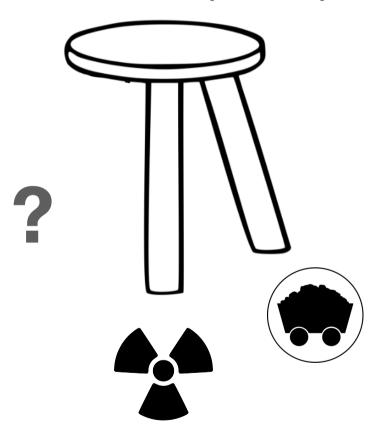
Competitive renewable electricity

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## the electricity Problem

USD0.15 / kWh (nominal)







Long life







- 20000 charge cycle, lithium titanate (LTO) energy storage
- Modular, scalable
- Integrated BMS: standalone or Can bus connected.
- Regional Australia upstart



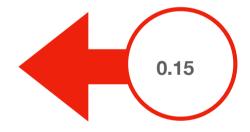


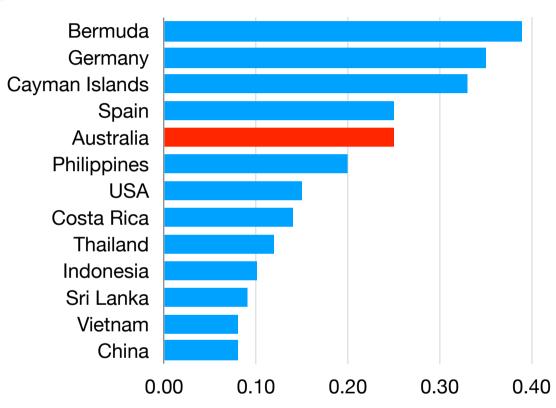


### The ideal kWh rate?

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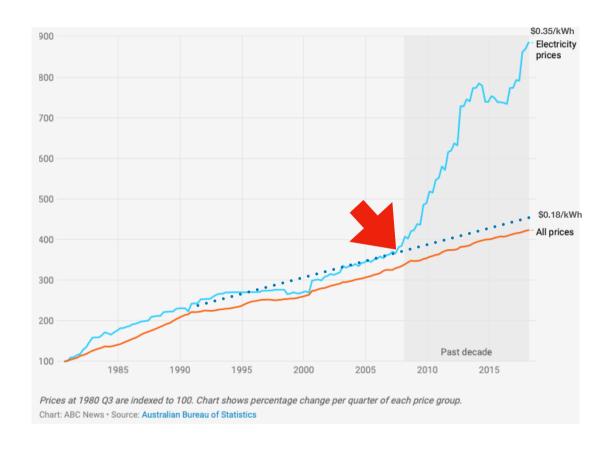


Source: https://www.globalpetrolprices.com/electricity\_prices/



# **Australian electricity rates**Rampant energy inflation

- Typical residential rate is now AUD0.35/ kWh (≈ USD0.25 kWh at FX AUD/USD=0.7000)
  - 8% energy inflation (last decade) vs 2.2% general
- Rates despite very high solar uptake (wholesale & residential)
- Rate would be AUD0.18/kWh (USD 0.13) if electricity had continued to track general inflation post 2010.

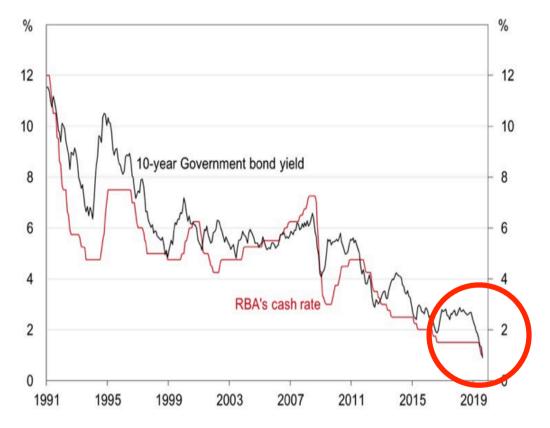


Source: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-07-18/electricity-price-rises-chart-of-the-day/9985300?nw=0



# **Money inversion**

- Real interest rates now negative in Australia
  - Nominal rates maybe soon
- 0.5% discount rated assumed for low risk energy projects



Source: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-08-27/graph-australian-interest-rates-2019/11450982?nw=0



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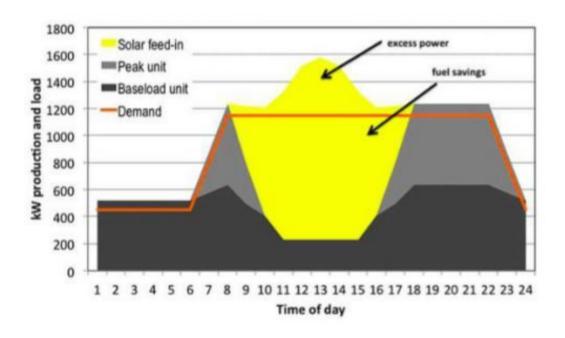
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	2010	Grid Now	Now + Solar	
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Discount Rate	6%	0.5%	0.5%	
Grid Inflation	2%	8%	5%	
FWD RATE	0.09	0.94	0.32	
USD FWD	0.06	0.65	0.22	

 Homer with 20kWh / Day demand, 5kW PV



### Too much solar



Source:https://reneweconomy.com.au/norfolk-island-has-too-much-solar-now-it-wants-storage-58159/





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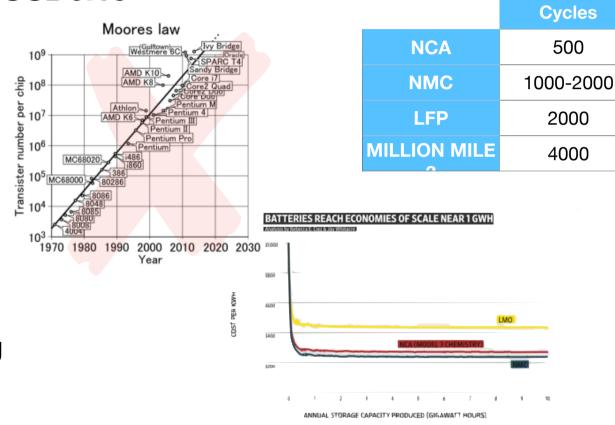
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#### Most Batteries can't achieve USD0.15

- there is no Moore's law for batteries
- Batteries just follow the commodity costs at scale.. plateauing after 1GWh. We are already asymptote bound
- Worse, their lifecycles do not match duration needed for long term stationary storage



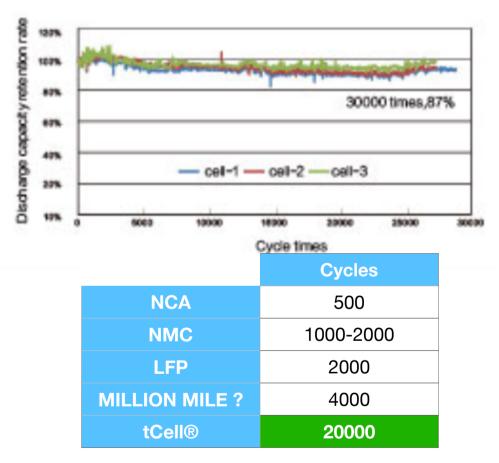
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- A 20000 charge cycle
- leverages lithium ion production at scale
- Can achieve USD0.15kWh total cost of ownership in many case



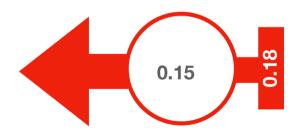
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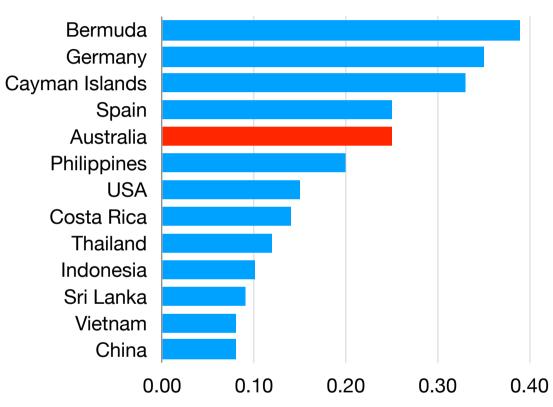


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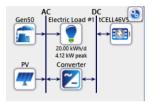
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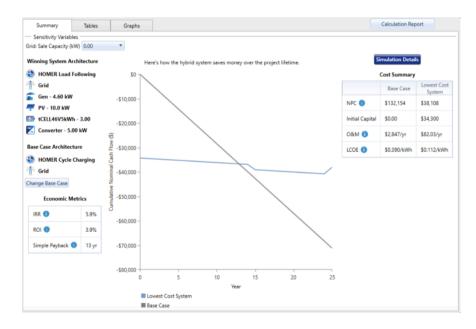


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20kWh/Day Typical Residence

- 25 Yr NPC= AUD45K
- FWD kWh rate = AUD0.25, **USD0.17**
- Homer Model parameters
  - 15kWh tCell @ USD1050 / kWh
  - 10kW PV @ \$560 / kW
  - 5kW Converter @ \$300 / kW
  - -33.1,149 GPS (Molong)
  - No grid, 5kW generic genset @ USD350/ kW
  - 0.5% disc, 5% inflation







# Global try-for-fit: 20kWh Day, 15kWh tCell®

#### **Latitude & clearness**

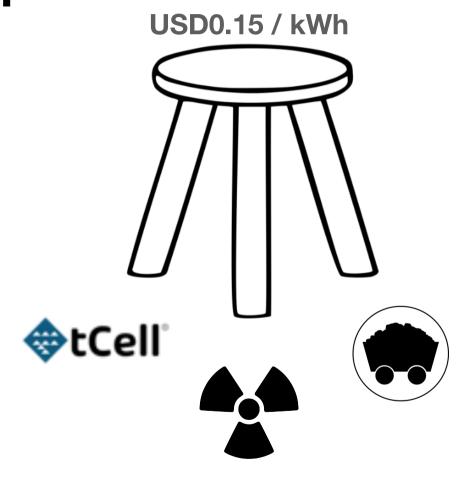
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San Francisco	0.16	Hawai	0.17	Ho Chi Minh	0.19	Rome	0.24
Mexico City	0.20	Manilla	0.17	New Caledonia	0.16	Budapest	0.33
San Juan	0.17	Mumbai	0.15	Madagascar	0.16	Ankara	0.25



Constant model: excludes local taxes, regulatory , freight and installation



## **Conclusion**





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