

LOAD WATCH: SUMMER 09

19 January 09

Independent Market Operator: has an obligation to secure through the Reserve Capacity Mechanism (RCM) sufficient capacity (generation and Demand Side Management) to meet the maximum load demands of the Western Australian Wholesale Electricity Market.

Load Watch: Summer 09: provides a weekly snapshot of the level of available capacity and electrical load last week. It also provides forecast temperatures and load for next week and a look back to Summer 08.

Load Watch: Last Week - Mon 12 to Fri 16

	Mon 12-Jan-09	Tue 13-Jan-09	Wed 14-Jan-09	Thu 15-Jan-09	Fri 16-Jan-09
Total Capacity (note 1)	4,681	4,681	4,681	4,681	4,681
Outages (note 2)	349	426	520	443	266
Available Capacity (MW)	4,332	4,255	4,161	4,238	4,415
Max Temp (°C)	27	26	30	40	42
Min Temp	17	12	16	19	23
Actual Max Load (MW)	2,635	2,309	2,460	3,219	3,420
Capacity Cushion	1,697 39%	1,946 46%	1,701 41%	1,019 24%	995 23%

Last Week: Available Capacity was sufficient to meet the actual maximum loads this week. With 2 hot days on Thursday and Friday the Capacity Cushion dropped below 25% for the first time this summer.

(Note 1) 'Total Capacity' is total capacity procured by the IMO with adjustments for Muja B (106 MW), Kemerton upgrades (40 MW), and various capacity adjustments (-65 MW).

(Note 2) Outages are current as at the time of publication and may be subject to change.

Load Watch: Next Week - Mon 19 to Fri 23

	Mon 19-Jan-09	Tue 20-Jan-09	Wed 21-Jan-09	Thu 22-Jan-09	Fri 23-Jan-09
Max Temp (°C)	29	31	28	27	28
Min Temp	16	16	16	17	18
Forecast Max Load (MW)	2639	2650	2621	2616	2580

Look Back: Summer 08

	Mon 21-Jan-08	Tue 22-Jan-08	Wed 23-Jan-08	Thu 24-Jan-08	Fri 25-Jan-08
Max Temp (°C)	32	35	36	39	37
Min Temp	18	19	21	20	22
Actual Max Load (MW)	2774	2915	3050	3208	3205

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