



# Redflow

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# Company Overview

**Headquartered**  
In Brisbane, Australia

**Company owned** manufacturing  
facility in Thailand

**Redflow designs and manufactures zinc-bromine flow batteries**

**Major Target Markets**  
Telco  
Commercial, Industrial & Utility  
Remote Area Power Systems  
High end Residential

**Key Geographies**  
Southern Africa  
Australia  
New Zealand  
China and Selected Asia

**~90** current deployments across multiple countries\*



***Redflow is redefining energy storage in our target markets***



\* Deployments with Redflow batteries operational as of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 or active in the last 90 days

# ZBM2 Technical Specs



\* 1 Values reported for ZBM2 at 100% state of health (SOH) and room temperature

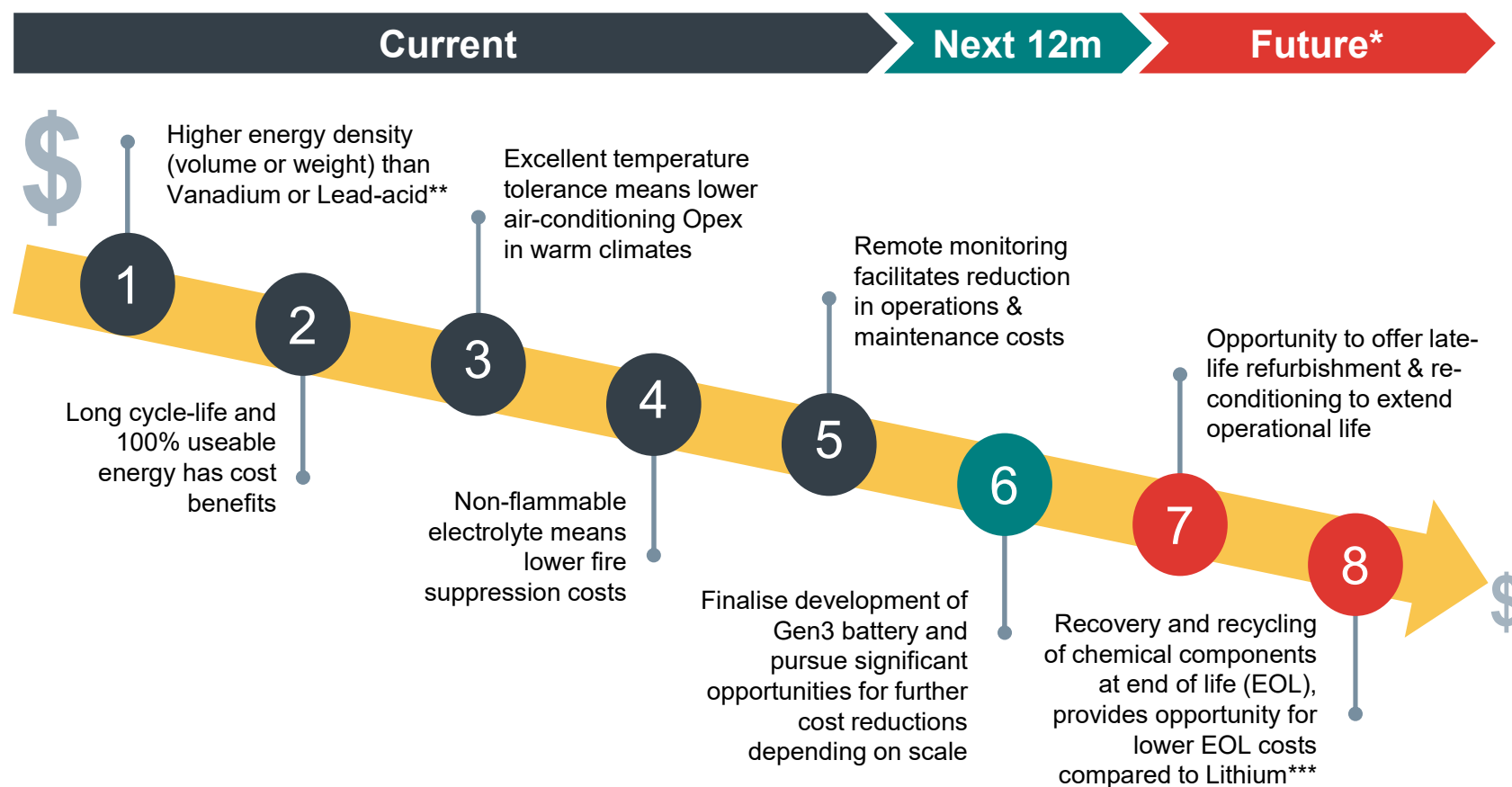
\* 2 Redflow internal testing shows a 5kW supply for approximately 45 minutes before disconnection, for a ZBM2 starting at 100% state of charge (SOC)

Source: <https://redflow.com/products/redflow-zbm2/>

## ZBM2 Technical Specifications

<b>Voltage</b>	48 Volt DC nominal batteries (typical operating range 40-60V)
<b>Capacity</b>	Maximum 10kWh energy output per daily cycle No reserved battery capacity requirement – full 10kWh cycle depth available
<b>Dimensions</b>	845 L x 823 H x 400 W (mm) 33 L x 32 H x 16 W (in)
<b>Weight</b>	240 kg (530 lb) with electrolyte 90 kg (198 lb) without electrolyte
<b>Electrolyte volume</b>	100 L (26Gal)
<b>Energy efficiency</b>	80% DC-DC Max
<b>Internal (electrolyte) operating temperature</b>	Operating electrolyte temperature range of 15°C to 50°C (59°F to 122°F), ZBM2 can typically operate at ambient temperatures outside this range for extended periods
<b>Communication</b>	MODBUS RS485
<b>Safety data sheet</b>	DG Class 8 for electrolyte
<b>Power rating</b>	3kW (5kW peak) 3kW continuous: current up to 75A (40V disconnection point) *1 5kW duration depending on the State of Charge (SOC): current up to 125A (40V disconnection point) *1, 2
<b>Regulatory compliance marks</b>	CE and RCM
<b>Performance</b>	No cycle depth limitations – battery performance and lifetime is not sensitive to cycle depth

# Decreasing life-time cost proposition



## Target future customer benefits in development

- Increase in core battery capacity currently undergoing testing (customer \$/kWh benefits)
- Additional software based functionality to increase application specific performance



\* Timing will be dependent on customer demand for service

\*\* See CSIRO Report *Electrical Energy Storage: Technology Overview and Applications*, July 2015

\*\*\* Referenced from Renew Economy, 'Battery recycling could generate billion-dollar industry for Australia, push down prices.'

# Redflow Battery Performance

*Independent Australian government funded testing show sustained performance*

- Redflow is part of a Australian federal government funded testing of multiple batteries through the Canberra Institute of Technology. Managed by ITP Renewables
- After some earlier challenges with battery manufacturing faults, Thailand manufactured Redflow battery has been on test since Feb 2019
- The battery is cycled twice per day close to 100% Depth of Discharge charging at approximately 2.7kW and discharging at approximately 2.0kW.
- April 2020 report shows a State of Health of 100% after ~600 cycles. See report [here](#)
- Latest Redflow internal analysis of battery on ITP test bay shows no changes in the capacity, performance and behaviour of the battery can be determined after more than 700 equivalent cycles (>7000 kWh out). Analysis conducted 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

## Redflow Battery Test – Delivered Energy

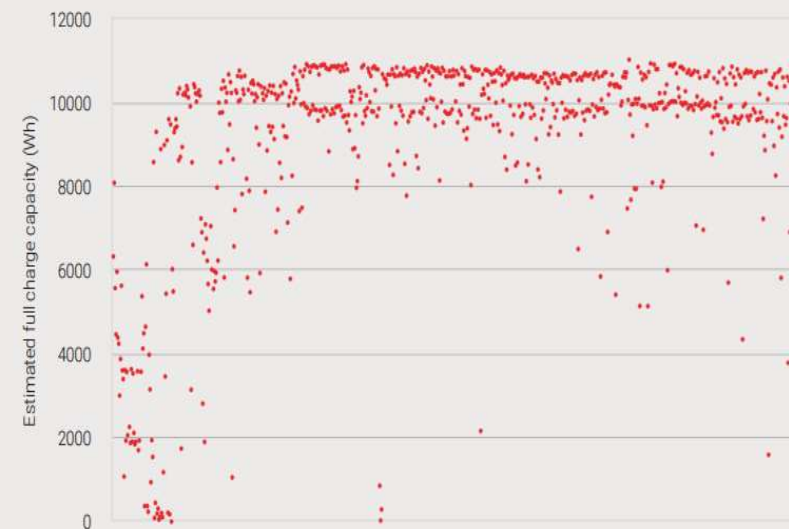


Figure 8: Estimated full charge capacity per cycle by the Redflow battery pack

Graph extract from ITP *Public Report 8 Lithium-ion Battery Testing*, April 2020 which shows energy discharged from the battery during testing cycles. See report [here](#).

# Market Strategy



# Redflow Customer Applications



Off-grid – Diesel Reduction



Weak-grid Resilience & Productivity



Battery Theft Avoidance



On & Off grid Renewable integration



Optimised minigrid operation



On-grid Power Consumption Reduction

# Major target markets

Our sweet spots include...

Energy-focussed applications

Frequent cycling

Warm climates that rapidly degrade other batteries

## Present Focus



### Telco

- >4m mobile towers globally
- Power costs a major factor
- Load shedding / weak grids increase demand for long duration batteries
- Increase in infrastructure sharing and tower companies
- Battery theft plus commercial and environmental concerns over diesel use

***Provide technical and commercial value proposition across off-grid, weak-grid and back-up power supply applications***



### Remote Area Power Systems (RAPS)

- Battery Energy Storage System crucial to RAPS with renewable energy sources and can improve efficiency of fossil fuel generation.
- Needs high temperature tolerance, and frequent deep cycling. Minimal capacity decline, like ZBM, highly desirable to maintain optimum operation over life.

***Redflow technology is well suited to these applications and offers an attractive commercial proposition***



### Commercial, Industrial & Utility

- Multiple industries where stable and cost efficient power is critical
- Key issues include intermittent power, high peak demand tariffs and maximising renewable use
- Address solar curtailment
- Sub-station support as demands on grid increase.

***Reduce energy costs by replacing / supplementing grid power and avoiding demand tariffs through storing off peak energy***



# Near term target market – Telco sector

**4 million**

telco base stations globally with  
**4.6% CAGR** growth 2019-2024<sup>1</sup>

**120,000**

new base stations are deployed  
yearly – mostly in countries with  
poor grid infrastructure<sup>2</sup>

**1 million +**

off-grid and bad-grid towers by 2020  
with **over 90%** using diesel as main  
power source<sup>2</sup>

- **Major growth in markets and geographies with no or weak grid environments plus resiliency programs in developed markets such as Australia**
  - Growth expected in areas of poor or limited grid connection and concentrated in Africa & Asia<sup>2</sup>
  - Government sponsored initiatives to improve telco resiliency/back up<sup>3</sup>
- **Base stations energy use are a major cost component for Telcos**
  - 160,000<sup>4</sup> base stations in Africa. Existing engagements cover ~37k towers
  - 21,000<sup>4</sup> base stations in ANZ & Pacific. Existing engagements cover ~16k towers
  - 407,000<sup>4</sup> in Asia (excl China, India & Japan). Existing engagements cover ~18k towers
  - Expected increase in power consumption due to 5G. Widespread upgrades of mobile base station power systems is anticipated
- **Growth of tower companies and infrastructure services**
  - Focus on efficient energy management and emergence of energy as a service models
- **Renewable Energy Commitments**
  - Global telco operators have clear and ambitious renewable energy goals e.g. replace use of diesel<sup>5</sup>
  - Government driven and funded initiatives to reduce blackspots in key countries
  - Government programmes to fund, subsidise or mandate build out of towers in rural or remote locations

## **Case Study Deep Dive**

### **Optus Daintree Forest**

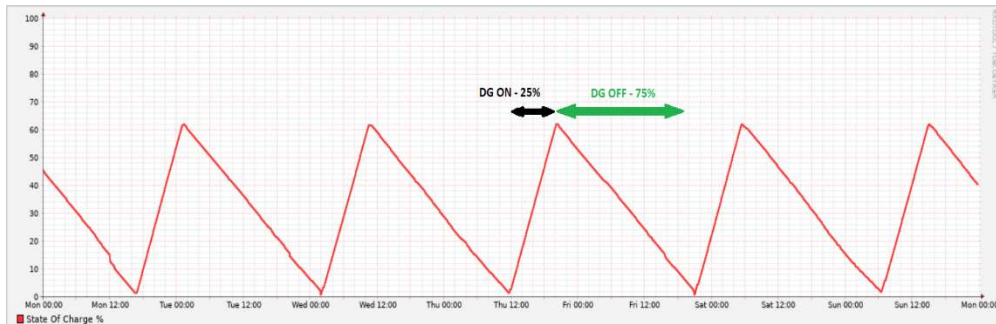
## Optus Daintree Forest Deployment



- Working with Optus, Australia's second-largest telecommunications carrier and second-largest mobile operator.
- Target site mobile tower site in environmentally sensitive high temperature Daintree rainforest deployment in Queensland, Australia
- Site previously running 24 x 7 on diesel generators. No PV available due to restricted land and forest canopy
- Redflow selected due to sustained energy storage capacity, tolerance of warm temperatures, remote management capability and environmentally-friendly design

## Optus Daintree Forest Deployment

- Utilises new Standby Power Supply feature to park batteries in reserve
  - Deployed in April 2019. Commissioned May 2019.
  - Total energy throughput since commissioning: 7.4MWh
  - Achieved 70% diesel runtime reduction\*
- Solution consisting of 60 kWh i.e. 6 x ZBM2 batteries and diesel generator (previously running 24 hours per day)
  - Diesel generator powers site and charges battery.
  - ZBM2 batteries on a simultaneous charge/sequential discharge cycle – managed through Redflow Battery Management System.







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