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# The never-ending story? More delays in return-to-service at both Callide C3 and C4

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Worth a quick note today to highlight yet more delays in return-to-service (RTS) expectations at the damaged units at Callide C Power Station.

Referring quickly to the [MT PASA DUID Availability](#) widget inside of [ez2view](#), here's a quick look ...

## (A) Callide C3 (pushed back another quarter)

You'll recall that [Callide C3 came offline on 31st October 2022](#) as a result of a partial failure at the unit's cooling tower.

Our [most recent update had been on 24th January 2023](#), when the RTS expectation was set at 30th June 2023.... but we see below that this has now extended out for another quarter, with:

- 1) Partial availability **from 30th September 2023**
- 2) Full unit availability not until 31st December 2023.

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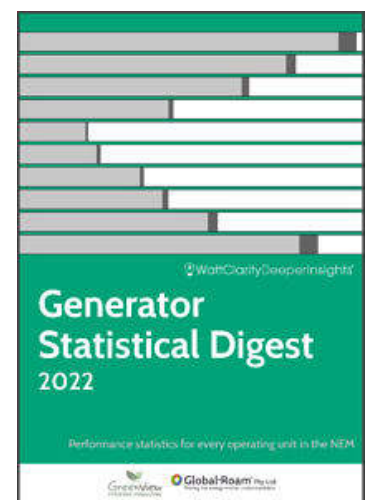
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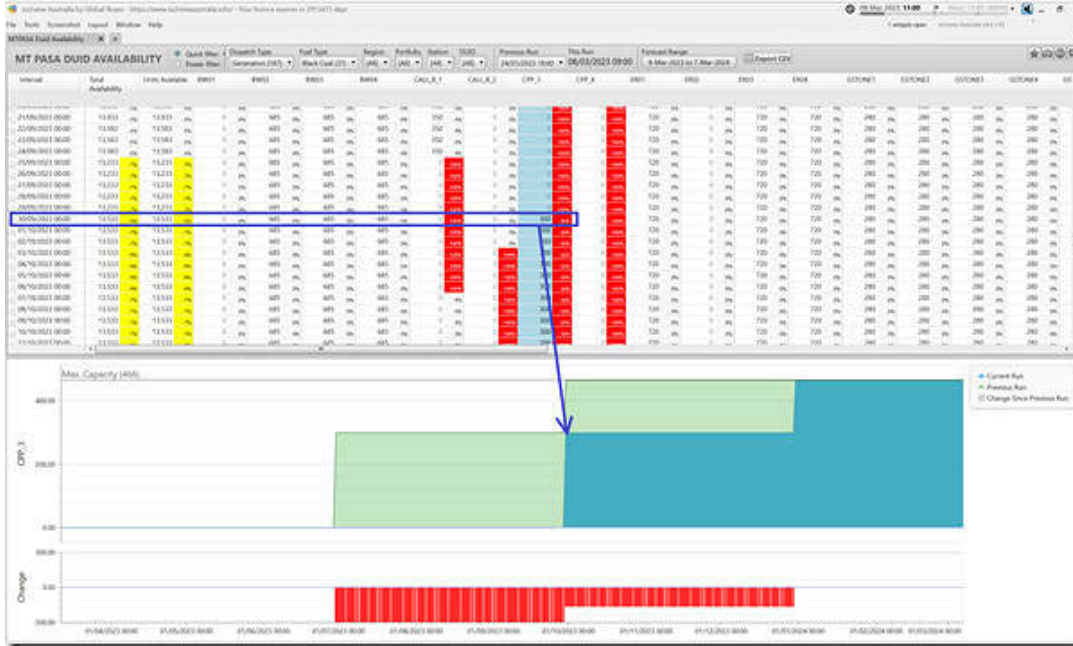
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## (B) Callide C4 (pushed back another 6 months)

You'll recall that [Callide C4 came offline on 25th May 2021](#) as a result of a catastrophic explosion (~2 months shy of 2 years ago today), the [detailed cause still to be reported on](#).

- 1) Here on this site we've posted many articles about the 'Callide C4 Catastrophe' – both the immediate aftermath and the long recovery period.
- 2) Looks like a number more articles to write!

Our [most recent update was 10th February 2023](#), when the RTS expectation was set at 1st May 2023 ... but this has now been **pushed back to 31st October 2023** (a 6 month additional delay):

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I've not checked detailed stats since the start of the NEM, but believe this would make it **the longest outage in the history of the NEM** (i.e. 2 years and 5 months from initial unit trip). This might be longer even than when some Tarong units were mothballed for a period of time during the oversupplied years.

## (C) No more news, yet, from the operators (CS Energy and Intergen)?

There's no news announcement yet [on the CS Energy website](#) (*as at 11:00 NEM time Wed 8th March*). With the [company now in the search for a new CEO](#), clearly these troubled units will need to be a core focus for whomever next sits in the hot seat.

I've also not seen news from [Genuity](#) (the rebranded OzGen/Intergen ... JV partner for this station).

## (D) Coal unavailability stats for 2023

On Monday this week I referenced [GenInsights Quarterly Update for Q4 2022](#) in noting that [aggregate unavailability of 44 remaining coal units in the NEM reached the concerning level of 24%](#) on an annualised basis for calendar 2022.

It won't be till the end of 2023 that we can calculate the stats for calendar 2023, naturally, but having these two large-size units out for the majority of the year is clearly not going to help the stats for calendar 2023 either.

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**Callide C3 return to service delayed another week**

An updated look at the 'MT PASA DUID Availability' widget in ez2view shows another delay in returning Callide C3 to service.

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