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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NORFOLK ISLAND ELECTRICITY

As part of Norfolk Island Regional Council's Strategic Action Plan for 100% Renewable Energy by 2024, the installation of a Tesla energy storage battery at the powerhouse is now complete and Norfolk Island Electricity (NIE) will begin testing this weekend.

As with any major infrastructure installation, there is the requirement to test systems, including safety systems. These tests must be carried out during daylight hours, when photovoltaic systems are in operation. Testing will be carried out from Saturday 6 February to Thursday 11 February. Testing creates a risk of an unplanned black-out during this period.

The testing also requires planned outages. These are planned for Tuesday 9 February between 12pm and 5pm. There will be multiple outages during this period. The expected duration of the outages is between 30 minutes and 1 hour. Essential services should make sure they have standby power available for this period.

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