

# LOADWATCH 2012

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The 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.

**LoadWatch Summer 12** provides a weekly snapshot of the level of available capacity and electrical load for last week. It also provides forecast temperatures and load for this week and a look back to Summer 11.

## Last Week

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	19 Mar 12	20 Mar 12	21 Mar 12	22 Mar 12	23 Mar 12
Total Capacity (note 1)	5453	5453	5453	5453	5453
Outages (note 2)	284	284	180	180	73
<b>Available Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>5169</b>	<b>5169</b>	<b>5273</b>	<b>5273</b>	<b>5380</b>
<b>Max Temp (°C)</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>27.4</b>
<b>Min Temp</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>15.7</b>
<b>Max Load (MW) (note 3)</b>	<b>2765</b>	<b>2435</b>	<b>2287</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>2319</b>
<b>Capacity Cushion</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>57%</b>

During the week the Capacity Cushion dipped to a minimum of 35%.

(Note 1) 'Total Capacity' is total capacity procured by the IMO with various adjustments (40MW).

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

(Note 3) Operational Load being the total loss adjusted generator sent out energy.

## This Week

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	26 Mar 12	27 Mar 12	28 Mar 12	29 Mar 12	30 Mar 12
<b>Max Temperature</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Min Temperature</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Forecast Max Load (MW)</b>	<b>3185</b>	<b>2763</b>	<b>2701</b>	<b>2297</b>	<b>2067</b>

## Look Back: Summer 11

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	28 Mar 11	29 Mar 11	30 Mar 11	31 Mar 11	01 Apr 11
<b>Max Temperature</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Min Temperature</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Forecast Max Load (MW)</b>	<b>2924</b>	<b>2831</b>	<b>2787</b>	<b>2762</b>	<b>2736</b>
<b>Actual Max Load (MW)</b>	<b>2881</b>	<b>2916</b>	<b>2853</b>	<b>2823</b>	<b>2707</b>

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