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NQ wind farm in the works

ENERGY company Genex Power is exploring the option of building a new 150 megawatt wind farm alongside its Kidston pumped hydro and solar project in North Queensland, in a bid to overcome intermittency issues which have plagued renewable projects in the past.

As the Federal Government pushes AGL Energy to extend the life of its Liddell coal-fired power station in New South Wales beyond 2022 or sell it to a competitor, the Genex announcement is further evidence new investment in the energy sector in Australia is flowing to renewable projects instead of traditional fuel sources such as coal.

If the wind farm goes ahead, the Kidston renewable hub, worth \$1 billion, will be the first pumped hydro/solar/wind project in the world with the potential to run 24 hours a day. It'll overcome the biggest hurdle for intermittent renewable energy of not being able to produce energy when the wind is not blowing or the sun not shining, the AFR reports.