

Trust Me I'm An Expert: Why February is the real danger month for power blackouts

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It's been hot – and it's going to get hotter. Australia has experienced some record hot days in recent weeks and scientists say Sydney and Melbourne need to [prepare for 50-8451; days](#) by the end of the century, or sooner.

In today's episode of [Trust Me I'm An Expert](#), we're unpacking the research on why some of the most disadvantaged parts of our cities cop the worst of a heatwave.

And Chris Dunstan, an expert on energy policy, explains why February is the month when energy ministers and energy operators *really* get worried there won't be enough electricity to go around – and how you can do your bit to curb blackout risk.

Join us as we ask academic experts to explain the issues making news in Australia.

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Further reading

[Beyond Coal: Alternatives to extending the life of Liddell power station](#), by the [Institute for Sustainable Futures](#), UTS.

[Explainer: power station 'trips' are normal, but blackouts are not](#)

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Additional music and audio

Kindergarten by Unkle Ho, from [Elefant Traks](#)

Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong, Summertime.

[YACHT: Summer Song \(Instrumental\)](#) from Free Music Archive

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[Unheard Music Concepts: Hot Summer Day](#) from Free Music Archive

[Ketsa: Summer](#) from Free Music Archive

[RT: Sizzling Up: Australian policeman fries egg on car hood in 46°C weather](#) via YouTube

[Lateline: Cities need adapt to deadly heatwaves](#) from ABC News

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