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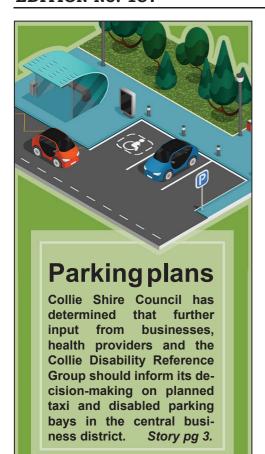
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Pumped hydro tiff

Backers of \$650m. project not privy to feasibility study

pumped hydro in Collie, with the WA Government backing away from development of the energy storage technology.

Pumped hydro had been touted as one of a number of technologies with the potential to support the state's renewable energy transition.

However, the government appears to have changed tack after receiving a Syn-

DOUBT has been cast on the future of ergy feasibility study into its use at five locations in the South West.

> While the study has not been released, a government spokesperson confirmed pumped hydro "would face multiple chal-

> Pump Hydro Collie director Mick Murray said it is "insulting" that private enterprise has not been able to access the

"Our information is quite different from what the government's telling us," Mr Murray said.

"That's why we need to see the report.

"It is our belief that we can produce power cheaper than other competing

The Collie company has been working with Griffin Coal to investigate a poten-

tial \$650 million project at the Muja coal

Mr Murray said the project could be up and running within a three-to-four year period.

"The other thing that is of concern is that if this doesn't go ahead we're going to have a mine void and dumps that need to be rehabilitated," he said.

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