

Australia / Site / Published revision 1

CDC Beard Campus

39 MW · Unspecified power

Beard Campus as described by CDC's page, housing BE1

Also known as: Beard Campus

Development status: operational, planned

CDC's fourth Canberra-region campus comprises the initial BE1 facility and a planned Beard 2 expansion. Investor reporting confirms inaugural campus operations, while the undated operator location page still describes construction and 39 MW total capacity. The separate Beard 2 proposal discloses 84 MW; these figures are not reconciled or summed.

Last researched: 2026-10-09 | Last verified: Not independently verified

Tracked dataset only. Unknown values are not zero. Evidence dates and measurement definitions must be considered when comparing sites.

Site photographs

No approved property photo available.

Site profile

Field	Published information
Operator	CDC Data Centres [1] [6]
Owner	Unknown
Business model	unknown
Scale	unknown
Country	Australia [1] [6]
State / region	Australian Capital Territory [2] [6]
Metro area	Canberra [1] [4]
City / locality	Beard [2] [3]
Address	Block 25 Section 11, Beard, ACT [2] [3]
Coordinates	Unknown · unknown precision. Property identified by cadastral address and Tantalum Street/Copper Close access; no corroborated geographic point established.
Parent	Not assigned

Capacity evidence

Do not add these claims together. IT load, facility power, grid connection and unspecified power are different measurements. Cumulative and incremental scopes remain separate.

Measurement	Development scope	Evidence / accounting
39 MW Unspecified power	Beard Campus as described by CDC's page, housing BE1 under construction · cumulative	[1] reported · 2026-10-09 Excluded from totals. As-of is retrieval date of an undated page, not measurement or commissioning date. Page still describes construction despite investor reporting of inaugural operations. Basis is undisclosed; exceeds 5 MW as a reported development capacity.
84 MW Unspecified power	Stage 2 / Beard 2, 12 data halls planned · incremental	[3] reported · 2026-05-13 Excluded from totals. As-of is signed environmental opinion date. Separate expansion capacity; opinion does not explicitly identify IT load versus facility or grid power. Backup generation is separate and not added.

Development timeline

2026-02-20 · announcement · Inaugural Beard operations reported

Infratil reported inaugural operations in its discussion of the 31 December 2025 valuation; exact commissioning date is not disclosed. [4]

2026-05-13 · actual · Conditional environmental significance opinion issued for Beard 2

Opinion finds the proposal unlikely to cause significant adverse environmental impact subject to conditions; it is not evidence of construction commencement. [3]

2026-09-30 · announcement · Conditional Beard 2 development approval reported

Industry reporting states conditional approval for the second campus stage; operational commencement is not established. [5]

Disclosed specifications

Campus land area: 47,644 sqm

Reported area of Block 25 Section 11; no independent cadastral measurement performed. [6]

BE1 building: 10 data halls; 15,347.76 sqm gross floor area

Industry reporting describes the existing first building; distinct from Beard 2. [5]

Beard 2 building: Three storeys; 12 data halls; 29,924 sqm gross floor area

Planned second-stage building. [5]

Future substation: Approximately 3,830 sqm

Proposed area, not a disclosed grid connection rating. [3]

Beard 2 backup generators: Combined capacity up to 20 MW

Emergency generation only; excluded from data-centre capacity claims. [3]

Cooling and energy approach: Closed-loop cooling; 100% renewable electricity by default

Reported CDC approach; no site-specific metered efficiency, water use or energy matching independently established. [6]

Research gaps

- Corroborated coordinates and Google Maps listing
- Legal property owner or lessee independently confirmed
- BE1 commissioning date and currently energized capacity
- Power basis and reconciliation of BE1, campus and expansion claims
- Site-specific tenants, racks, density, connectivity, certifications, PUE and water consumption

Sources and field evidence

Attribution does not establish independent verification or permission to reuse images. URLs refer to public evidence.

[1] Canberra | CDC Data Centres

<https://cdc.com.au/locations/canberra/>

Published: Unknown · Retrieved: 2026-10-09

Identifies Beard as CDC's fourth Canberra-region campus, intended to house BE1, currently described as under construction, with total capacity of 39 MW.

[2] Proposed Data Centre Stage 1 - BE1: Civil engineering cover and locality plan

<https://dafinder.blob.core.windows.net/dadocuments/DOCs/INDEX-202341501-CIVILCOVER%27-01.pdf>

Published: 2023-04-20 · Retrieved: 2026-10-09

Development approval drawing identifies Canberra Data Centres as client and BE1 at Block 25 Section 11 Beard, ACT; date is the drawing revision date.

[3] Environmental Significance Opinion - Proposed Data Centre Development (Beard 2)

https://www.planning.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0015/3063102/ESO202600012-Beard-Proposed-Data-Centre-Development-Beard-2.pdf

Published: 2026-05-13 · Retrieved: 2026-10-09

Signed opinion identifies Stage 2 at Block 25 Section 11 Beard: three storeys, 12 data halls, 84 MW total capacity, backup generators up to 20 MW and a future substation.

[4] Infratil Newsletter - February 2026

<https://cdn-api.markitdigital.com/apiman-gateway/ASX/asx-research/1.0/file/2924-03058687-2A1654638&v=undefined>

Published: 2026-02-20 · Retrieved: 2026-10-09

Reports inaugural operations at Beard and Marsden Park and Brooklyn's second facility in discussion of the 31 December 2025 valuation. Its combined 196 MW increase is not Beard-specific.

[5] CDC wins approval for AU\$203.5m Beard 2 data centre in Canberra

<https://w.media/cdc-wins-approval-for-au203-5m-beard-2-data-centre-in-canberra/>

Published: 2026-09-30 · Retrieved: 2026-10-09

Reports conditional development approval, locates Beard 2 at 23 Tantalum Street on Block 25 Section 11, and describes separate BE1 and Beard 2 building areas.

[6] New \$200 million data centre proposed for Beard fits Territory standards on power and water

<https://region.com.au/new-200-million-data-centre-proposed-for-beard-fits-territory-standards-on-power-and-water/996833/>

Published: 2026-09-09 · Retrieved: 2026-10-09

Describes completed BE1 beside proposed Beard 2 on a 47,644 sqm parcel; attributes campus rendering to EJE Architecture and reports CDC's cooling and renewable-electricity approach.

Name: [1]

Aliases: [1]

Kind: [1] [3]

Country: [1] [6]

Region: [2] [6]
City: [2] [3]
Metro: [1] [4]
Address: [2] [3]
Operator: [1] [6]
Statuses: [4] [3] [5]
Summary: [1] [3] [4]
Location: [2] [3]
Stable identifier: 6fc670da-e495-4f0b-b0dc-882b632a24db