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APAC DATA CENTRE WEEKLY

APAC is racing to lock down both compute and connectivity at once — XLSmart broke ground on an 8,000km subsea cable while Amazon, Anthropic and Bitdeer all committed to new AU/Malaysia data centre capacity in the same week.

\$13bn

NIPPON LIFE

65.1 MW

BITDEER AI

65 MW

BITDEER AI





EDITOR'S NOTE

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Anthropic Signed A Lease. Everything Else This Week Was The Bank Saying Maybe.

Anthropic signed its first Australian data centre lease this week. In early July it was shopping for up to 1.4GW after auditioning operators for a first 500MW. Two months from a shopping list to a signed lease is fast. Hold the scale: Australia's entire live base was 664MW in 2015 and is circa 1.6GW today, with 2.3GW under construction — the biggest build book in APAC. One tenant at 1.4GW would be a tenth of Australia's ~11.5GW pipeline. Meanwhile the debt side got choosier: S&P says Malaysian banks are tightening, and NEXTDC went to convertibles for A\$1.1bn.

WATCH

Watch for Anthropic's second Australian lease and who signs it — one lease proves the demand is real, but only a run of them turns a 1.4GW shopping list into contracted load against Australia's 2.3GW under construction.

Read the full note → leeheggan.tech/week/2026-W38

Bitdeer AI signed a 10-year lease for a 65.1MW data centre in Johor, Malaysia, per W.Media and DCD (2026-09-16/18).

65 MW

Bitdeer AI to lease 65MW data center in Johor, Malaysia

DCD

02 Indonesia, India Forge Stronger Partnership in Telecom Innovation

TELECOM REVIEW ASIA

03 XLSmart Begins Candle Cable Construction

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NORTH ASIA

Chunghwa Telecom's Taiwan-Matsu No. 4 cable, roughly 300km, entered service according to Taiwan's Ministry of Digital Affairs (SubTel Forum, 2026-09-18).

01 Taiwan-Matsu No. 4 Cable Enters Service

SUBTEL FORUM

02 Japan Backs New Undersea Cable-Laying Fleet

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03 Rebellions: Bringing Energy-Efficient AI to Japan with ai&

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AUSTRALIA & PACIFIC

Amazon Web Services won approval for an AUD2.17bn, 235MW Sydney data centre, per w.media (2026-09-18), the same week Anthropic signed its first Australian data centre lease (W.Media, 2026-09-16).

01 **Amazon receives approval for AUD 2.17bn Sydney data centre**

W.MEDIA

02 **Firmus needs hundreds of billions of dollars for ambitious expansion**

FINANCIAL REVIEW - TECHNOLOGY

03 **ABB: Renewables usage puts NZ in data centre sweet spot**

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INDIA

Nikkei Asia (2026-09-16) reported India is banking on data centre ecosystems to offset 'jobless' growth concerns, while a separate Nikkei Asia piece (2026-09-14) linked the country's data centre boom to new renewable energy demand.

01 **India pins hopes on data center ecosystems amid 'jobless' growth worries**

NIKKEI ASIA

02 **India's data center boom creates new engine for renewable energy**

NIKKEI ASIA



As subsea cables like Candle and new hyperscale leases land in the same news cycle, APAC's AI ambitions are visibly outgrowing single-country power and connectivity plans.

OVER TO YOU

With Firmus flagging power needs ten times today's regional data centre capacity, is APAC's grid infrastructure keeping pace with its AI compute ambitions?

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