

New Zealand Power Storage Project





Overview

A 179 MW solar farm and 100 MW / 200 MWh battery energy storage project planned for the North Island of New Zealand has won approval from an independent panel, with a commercial decision now able to take place if the project remains viable in light of conditions applied to the build and operation. When will New Zealand's energy storage project come online?

The energy storage project is expected to come online during the July-to-September period of 2026. Saft described the Huntly Power Station as “the single largest electricity generation site in New Zealand.” New Zealand welcomed its first utility-scale battery energy storage system earlier this year.

Will New Zealand invest in battery energy storage systems?

The Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko has published a draft two-year roadmap that sets out our work to support investment in battery energy storage systems (BESS). BESS will become increasingly important in the future as New Zealand’s power system relies on more intermittent and variable generation. Work set out in the roadmap includes:

Is New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery storage system complete?

Construction of New Zealand’s first large-scale grid battery storage system is now complete, with Meridian Energy’s Ruakākā Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) being officially opened in a ceremony later today.

What is New Zealand's First Utility-scale battery energy storage system?

New Zealand welcomed its first utility-scale battery energy storage system earlier this year. The 35 MW/35 MWh Rotohiko battery facility commenced operation with electricity distribution company WEL Networks in April, after completing testing and commissioning.



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New Zealand awards permit to 179-MW solar-storage project

Oct 20, 2025 · New Zealand's Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has issued resource consents to a project set to create a 179-MW solar park with a co-located battery energy ...

New Zealand energy generator-retailer ...

Dec 15, 2022 · New Zealand state-owned energy company Meridian Energy has committed to a 100MW battery storage project with BESS to be ...

Battery energy storage systems roadmap released

Jun 24, 2025 · The Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko has published a draft two-year roadmap that sets out our work to support investment in battery energy storage systems (BESS). BESS ...

Unlocking the potential for batteries to ...

Apr 16, 2024 · This article explains the importance of grid-scale batteries as New Zealand shifts towards a highly renewable electricity system. What is ...

Saft utility-scale BESS will power Huntly ...

Sep 19, 2024 · Project is Saft's third utility-scale BESS for New Zealand Paris, 19 September 2024 - Saft, a subsidiary of TotalEnergies, has won ...

Meridian Powers up New Zealand's Largest Grid-Scale Battery

May 27, 2025 · Meridian Energy Ltd (NZE:MEL) has successfully installed what is New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery energy storage system (BESS). This innovative facility, located ...

New Zealand fast tracks 200 MWh solar-plus-storage project

Oct 22, 2025 · A 179 MW solar farm and 100 MW / 200 MWh battery energy storage project planned for the North Island of New Zealand has won approval from an independent panel, ...

New Zealand's first 100MW grid-scale battery ...

Nov 7, 2022 · The 100MW battery storage project is in development by electricity generator and retailer Meridian Energy at Ruakaka on New ...

Genesis picks Saft batteries for 100-MW ...

Sep 20, 2024 · The deal calls for Saft to equip a 100-MW/200-MWh facility at the Huntly Power Station, the country's largest thermal power complex on ...

Saft to supply 200 MWh battery storage ...

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New Zealand's Energy Storage Power Stations: Powering a ...

Why Energy Storage Matters in New Zealand New Zealand has committed to generating 100% renewable electricity by 2030, making energy storage systems essential for managing solar ...

New Zealand fast tracks 200 MWh solar-plus ...

Oct 22, 2025 · A 179 MW solar farm and 100 MW / 200 MWh battery energy storage project planned for the North Island of New Zealand has won ...

Meridian Energy Completes New Zealand's First Large-Scale ...

May 26, 2025 · Meridian Energy has completed construction of New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) at Ruakaka, with an official opening ...

Completion of Ruakaka Battery Energy ...

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Ekus Energy enters NZ with 300 MW battery ...

Jun 25, 2025 · Ekus Energy has bought a major battery energy storage project in New Zealand's North Island to build out its storage assets.

Saft to supply 200 MWh battery storage project in New Zealand

Sep 19, 2024 · The energy storage project is expected to come online during the July-to-September period of 2026. Saft described the Huntly Power Station as "the single largest ...

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Jun 17, 2024 · The NZ Battery Project was set up in 2020 to explore possible renewable energy storage solutions for when our hydro lakes run low for long periods. A pumped hydro scheme ...

Contact to develop a grid-scale 100 MW ...

Jul 1, 2024 · Contact's first renewable project in Auckland to start immediately. Tesla selected as battery energy storage system supplier, ...

Meridian completes 200MWh Ruakaka BESS in New Zealand

May 23, 2025 · Meridian Energy, a New Zealand state-owned energy company, has completed the development of its 100MW/200MWh 2-hour duration Ruakaka BESS.

Utility scale battery storage projects New Zealand

Aug 23, 2024 · Saft, a subsidiary of French energy giant TotalEnergies, will provide Genesis Energy in New Zealand with a 100MW/200MWh utility-scale battery energy storage system ...



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