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# New Zealand Grid Energy Storage



## Overview

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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.

Will a 100 mw storage system improve New Zealand's national grid?

The 100 MW storage system, to be operated by Meridian Energy, is designed to improve the stability of New Zealand's national grid as intermittent renewable power generation increases in the country.

Which energy company is building New Zealand's first grid-connected battery energy storage system?

Meridian Energy is building New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) at Ruakākā on North Island. Paris, January 10, 2023 – Saft, a subsidiary of TotalEnergies, has been awarded a major contract by Meridian Energy to construct New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected BESS.

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

New Zealand's first utility-scale battery energy storage system has commenced operation with electricity distribution company WEL Networks confirming that its 35 MW/35 MWh Rotohiko battery facility has completed testing and commissioning.

Will a 100-megawatt solar farm improve New Zealand's national grid?

Located at Ruakākā in the country's North Island, the 100-megawatt (MW) BESS will improve the stability of the national grid, as intermittent renewable power generation increases in New Zealand. The BESS is the first stage of a project that will include the construction of a co-located 130 MW solar farm by Meridian Energy.

Why should New Zealand invest in grid-scale batteries?

Additionally, these batteries, alongside more renewable generation, will help off-set the retirement of thermal generation and support New Zealand's transition to a low-emissions economy. The first grid-scale battery was commissioned in 2023 by Hamilton lines company WEL Networks.

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