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New Zealand energy storage project approved



Overview

Meridian Energy, a New Zealand state-owned energy company, has completed the development of its 100MW/200MWh 2-hour duration Ruakākā battery energy storage system (BESS), which it claims is the country's first utility-scale BESS. Where can I find information about New Zealand's first large-scale battery storage system?

If you require further searching capabilities for announcements please email: data@nzx.com 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.

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.

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.

What is the NZ battery project?

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 at Lake Onslow was one of the options being explored. The Government stopped the Lake Onslow investigations in late 2023.

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.

Is a 130 MW solar farm being built in New Zealand?

A large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system is to be built at Ruakākā on North Island, which is the first stage of a project that will also include the construction of a co-located 130 MW solar farm. This is thought to be the first of its kind in New Zealand.

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New Zealand's first grid-scale battery energy storage system

A large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system is to be built at Ruak?k? on North Island, thought to be the first of its kind in New Zealand. The 100 MW storage system, which ...

1.1GW of solar PV submitted for fast-track in New Zealand

Aug 7, 2023 · New Zealand has submitted nine solar PV projects for fast-track approval since 2020, totalling 1,147MWp in power generation capacity.



Biggest generator in New Zealand presses go on ...

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New Zealand steps up approvals process for large-scale PV projects

Oct 9, 2024 · Ten large-scale solar farms planned for New Zealand's North and South islands are among 22 renewable energy projects with a combined capacity of 3 GW that have been listed

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The Rise of Grid-Scale Battery Projects in New ...

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Completion of Ruak?k? Battery Energy Storage System

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Meridian completes 200MWh Ruak?k? BESS in New Zealand

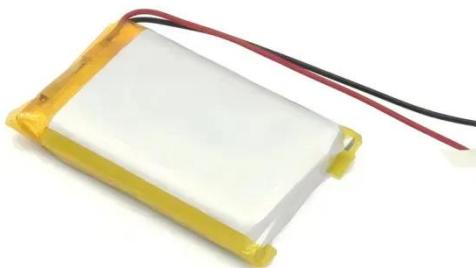
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Ruak?k? battery energy storage ...



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New Zealand's Meridian Energy Receives Approval for 120MW Solar Project

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New Zealand welcomes first big battery to ...

Mar 13, 2024 · New Zealand's first utility-scale battery energy storage system has commenced operation with electricity

distribution company WEL Networks ...



Energy Sector in New Zealand: Reviewing 2024 ...

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Harmony given the green light for developing ...

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New Zealand Energy Corp. Provides Update on the Tariki ...

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Buckles Road: Approval for a 65MW Solar ...

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New Zealand finishes build of 100 MW / 200 ...

May 23, 2025 · Construction of the Meridian Energy 's Ruak?k? BESS is now complete, adding a significant boost to the New Zealand grid. The 100 MW / ...

New Zealand's first grid-scale battery storage ...

Oct 18, 2021 · Power distribution company WEL Networks and renewables developer Infratec are in the final stages of assessment for what will be New ...



New Zealand: Ethical Power gets nod for 65MW ...

Jun 13, 2024 · A solar project from another company, Lodestone Energy, which operates the largest solar PV projects in New Zealand. Image: Lodestone ...

New Zealand gentainer completes 100 MW ...

May 23, 2025 · Construction of the Wellington, New Zealand-headquartered electricity gentainer Meridian Energy Ruak?k? battery energy storage system

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New Zealand battery project awarded to Saft as ...

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Saft energy storage system to support New Zealand's ...

Jan 10, 2023 · Meridian Energy is building New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) at Ruak?k? on North Island. Saft lithium-ion technology will ...



NZ Battery Project

Jan 10, 2023 · Saft lithium-ion technology will provide 100 MW power and 200 MWh storage capacity to support grid stability as intermittent wind and solar power increases in New Zealand

New Zealand's First 100MW Grid-Scale Battery Storage Project Gets Approval

Nov 8, 2022 · The 100MW battery storage project is in development by electricity generator and retailer

Meridian Energy at Ruakaka on New Zealand's North Island. The site is adjacent to ...



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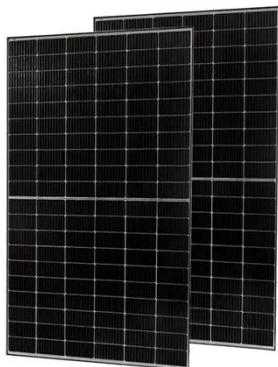
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stable ...



Insights , Investing in New Zealand Green Energy: ...

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Solar + BESS: An answer to New Zealand's ...

May 14, 2024 · Over recent years, it has become common for utility-scale solar projects in Australia to include a grid-scale battery energy storage system ...

Genesis Energy Initiates Construction of 200MWh Battery Storage ...

Jun 7, 2025 · Genesis Energy, a publicly listed energy company in New Zealand, has officially commenced construction of

a 100MW/200MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) on the ...



New Zealand Energy Reports Q1 Loss, Unveils Strategic Shift ...

Jun 4, 2025 · New Zealand Energy Corp (NZERF) reported Q1 2025 financial results, posting a comprehensive loss of \$994,550, compared to a \$914,919 loss in Q1 2024. Cash position ...

Fast-track to boost renewable electricity

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Unlocking the potential for batteries to ...

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grid ...



Meridian sets construction date for 120MW solar ...

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

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