

New Zealand battery energy storage project

Where is New Zealand's biggest planned battery energy storage system?

Image: Vector Energy Development approvals have been granted for New Zealand's biggest planned battery energy storage system (BESS) to date. 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 Marsden Point, a former oil refinery.

How will a battery storage system benefit New Zealand?

The battery storage will help to reduce these events by smoothing the distribution of supply and demand," Knott said. The system will charge with cheap energy during off-peak hours and send it back to the grid at times of high demand. It will also enable more power generated on New Zealand's South Island to be utilised in the north.

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 Ruakaka 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 megawatt-scale battery storage system?

The country's first megawatt-scale battery storage system is thought to have been a 1MW/2.3MWh project completed in 2016 using the Tesla Powerpack, Tesla's first iteration of an industrial and grid-scale BESS solution. However the first BESS to be connected to the high-voltage transmission grid in New Zealand came two years after that.

How much does a battery cost in New Zealand?

The mean charging spot price was \$123/MWh and the median was \$132/MWh. As New Zealand electrifies, more grid-scale batteries will support the growing renewable energy supply. Meridian Energy is building a 100MW (200MWh) battery near Ruakaka in sunny Northland. This battery is expected to be commissioned in September 2024.

Who has been contracted to build a battery energy storage system?

Project partners WEL Networks -- and electricity distribution company -- and renewable energy developer Infratec announced this week that major equipment suppliers have been contracted for the project. Construction will commence in New Zealand on the country's biggest battery energy storage system (BESS) project so far in July.

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

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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.

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Meridian Energy will begin construction of the Ruakaka Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the first quarter of 2023. The project will construct New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery storage system, providing Meridian with a versatile North Island asset, situated south of Whangarei.

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The country's government is known to be considering the development of large-scale pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) facilities to provide long-duration energy storage that would enable bulk integration of renewables.

Tesla selected as battery energy storage system supplier, the first Megapack 2 XL project in New Zealand. The battery system will discharge stored energy at a split second to significantly improve security of energy supply to New Zealanders. The project will be operational by March 2026.

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