

# Battery storage for pv New Zealand

Could a distributed battery energy storage system support New Zealand's power system?

A new report has found the widespread uptake of distributed battery energy storage systems (BESS) in New Zealand could play an important role in supporting the power system as solar PV and electric vehicles are increasingly adopted.

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.

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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If you want to cooperate with us and would like to reuse some of our content, please contact: [editors@pv-magazine.com](mailto:editors@pv-magazine.com). New Zealand is set to get its first big battery by 2024, as Meridian Energy has chosen Saft to build the 100 MW / 200 MWh Ruakaka battery energy storage system on the country's North Island.

Is a 35mw/35mwh storage system being built in New Zealand?

The two companies said last Friday (20 October) that their 35MW/35MWh project, in the Waikato region of New Zealand's Upper North Island, has entered the commissioning phase. Infratec general manager Nick Bibby said that the storage system is "the first of its scale to be built in New Zealand".

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The Saft battery division of French energy and petroleum multinational TotalEnergies will supply 70 of its containerized Intensium Shift+ battery energy storage systems (BESS) to form a 100 MW/200 MWh project on New Zealand's North Island.

New Zealand is set to have its first big battery by 2024, after Meridian Energy awarded a contract to build the 100 MW / 200 MWh Ruakōkō Battery Energy Storage System to Saft, a subsidiary of TotalEnergies.

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Meridian Energy is building New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) at Ruakōkō on North Island; 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

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