

Will Niue build a solar farm?

Niue is seeking about US\$18 million to build a solar farm as part of the island nation's plans to reduce its heavy reliance on fossil fuels. The minister for infrastructure, Dalton Tagelagi says Niue's strategic energy road map sets the ambitious goal of having 80 percent of its power generation coming from renewable energy sources by 2025.

How much solar power does Niue have?

Niue has a total installed capacity of 2084 kW. However, only two of these, with a capacity of 1026 kW (49%) are being regularly used, while the other 51% acts as reserve capacity. In 2014, the total installed solar PV capacity in Niue reached 343 kWp, with 150 kWh battery storage for smoothing purposes of voltage and frequency into the grid. This is equivalent to 14% of the total installed capacity. In 2014, the percentage of solar PV generation in total electricity generation was 1%.

What is Niue's energy roadmap?

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How much does electricity cost in Niue?

Electricity tariffs in Niue have a three-tier rate structure that is applicable to all the customers as follows - NZD 0.50 per kWh for the first 100 kWh/month of usage, NZD 0.60 per kWh for usage from 101 to 300 kWh/month and NZD 0.70 per kWh for usage from 301 to 500 kWh/month.

What is the Niue strategic energy road map?

The Niue Strategic Energy Road Map 2015-2025 is government's effort, at the national level, to work with its national and regional partners and the global community to unlock the development potential of Niue and to contribute to addressing climate change and sustainable development goals.

Niue has 343 kWp of solar PV installed capacity, currently only around 80 kWp of solar PV is connected to the grid, due to grid instability considerations. The remaining 263 kWp of solar PV capacity is currently offline.

Niue COUNTRY INDICATORS AND SDGS TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLY (TES) Total energy supply in 2021 Renewable energy supply in 2021 97% 2% 1% Oil Gas Nuclear Coal + others Renewables 100%



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Hydro/marine Wind ... Solar PV: Solar resource potential has been divided into seven classes, each representing a range of annual PV output per unit of capacity

In recent years, Niue has implemented three grid-connected solar PV systems, solar water heaters, and LPG gas stoves in homes, all installed at a subsidized cost since renewable energy technology was very costly, particularly for the Pacific islands' citizens.

New Zealand plans to invest \$20.5 million into a new, large-scale, renewable energy project in Niue, reducing the island nation's reliance on diesel. The project will bring Niue's renewable generation to 80 percent.

The project will install additional solar farms to boost the solar generation capacity and meet those targets. "So the things they were looking at during their mission was focused on looking at additional solar sites which will feed into the grid and also storage capacity for our battery system".

With the upcoming reintegration of the BESS and solar farms by December, Niue is poised to move closer to its goal of 80% renewable energy production by the end of 2025. The Ministry now has both old and new power stations available to ensure consistent energy delivery to all communities.

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This project aims to enable Niue to generate 80% of its electricity from renewable energy by December 2025. Just over a month ago, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt Hon. Christopher Luxon announced a substantial investment of \$20.5 million into renewable energy initiatives in Niue.

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