

New Zealand Energy Storage Project





Overview

Is New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery storage system complete?

RUAKĀKĀ, NEW ZEALAND – May 23, 2025 – Construction of New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery storage system is now complete. Meridian Energy officially opened its Ruakākā Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) today. This landmark project establishes a crucial North Island storage asset for the nation's electricity system.

Will New Zealand invest in battery energy storage systems?

The Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko has published a draft two-year roadmap that sets out our work to support investment in battery energy storage systems (BESS). BESS will become increasingly important in the future as New Zealand's power system relies on more intermittent and variable generation. Work set out in the roadmap includes:

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.

Does Eku energy have a battery storage project in New Zealand?

Eku Energy has bought a major battery energy storage project in New Zealand's North Island to build out its storage assets. Eku Energy has acquired a 300 MW battery energy storage project in New Zealand's Waikato region, marking its entry into the country.



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Construction and commissioning of the Ruakaka battery energy storage system (BESS) on New Zealand's North Island is complete, with the site expected to reach full operation within weeks.

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[Meridian Powers up New Zealand's Largest Grid-Scale Battery](#)

Meridian Energy Ltd (NZE:MEL) has successfully installed what is New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery energy storage system (BESS). This innovative facility, located ...

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Meridian Energy has completed construction of New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) at Ruakaka, with an official opening ...

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[Meridian completes 200MWh Ruakaka BESS in New Zealand](#)

Meridian Energy, a New Zealand state-owned energy company, has completed the development of its 100MW/200MWh 2-hour duration Ruakaka BESS.

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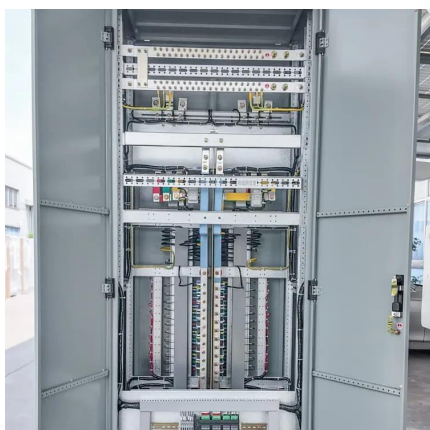
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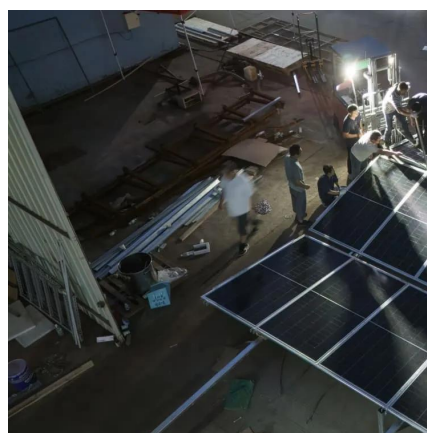
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