



# New Zealand container photovoltaic energy storage project

Where is New Zealand's first large-scale battery storage system located?

Meridian Energy has officially opened New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery storage system at Ruakaka, the first of its kind, and a milestone in the country's renewable energy infrastructure development. The Ruakaka Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) delivers 100 megawatts (MW) of maximum output with 200 MW-hour storage capacity.

Who will build New Zealand's first grid-connected battery energy storage system?

The solution will also include 40 inverters. Renewable energy generator Meridian Energy has selected France-based Saft to construct New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS).

When will New Zealand's energy storage project come online?

The energy storage project is expected to come online during the July-to-September period of 2026. Saft described the Huntly Power Station as "the single largest electricity generation site in New Zealand." New Zealand welcomed its first utility-scale battery energy storage system earlier this year.

What is New Zealand's First Utility-scale battery energy storage system?

New Zealand welcomed its first utility-scale battery energy storage system earlier this year. The 35 MW/35 MWh Rotohiko battery facility commenced operation with electricity distribution company WEL Networks in April, after completing testing and commissioning.

What will Saft's 'turnkey' storage projects do for New Zealand?

The projects will even out electricity supply from hydro, wind, and solar power, and will address electricity price volatility. Saft, whose "turnkey" containers also feature power conversion and control systems, said the contract win will be the company's third utility-scale storage project to add flexibility to the New Zealand grid.

Does CentrePort have a battery energy storage system?

CentrePort is taking another step on its energy journey with an onsite battery energy storage system (BESS) which will improve resilience and enhance the potential for future emission reductions.



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