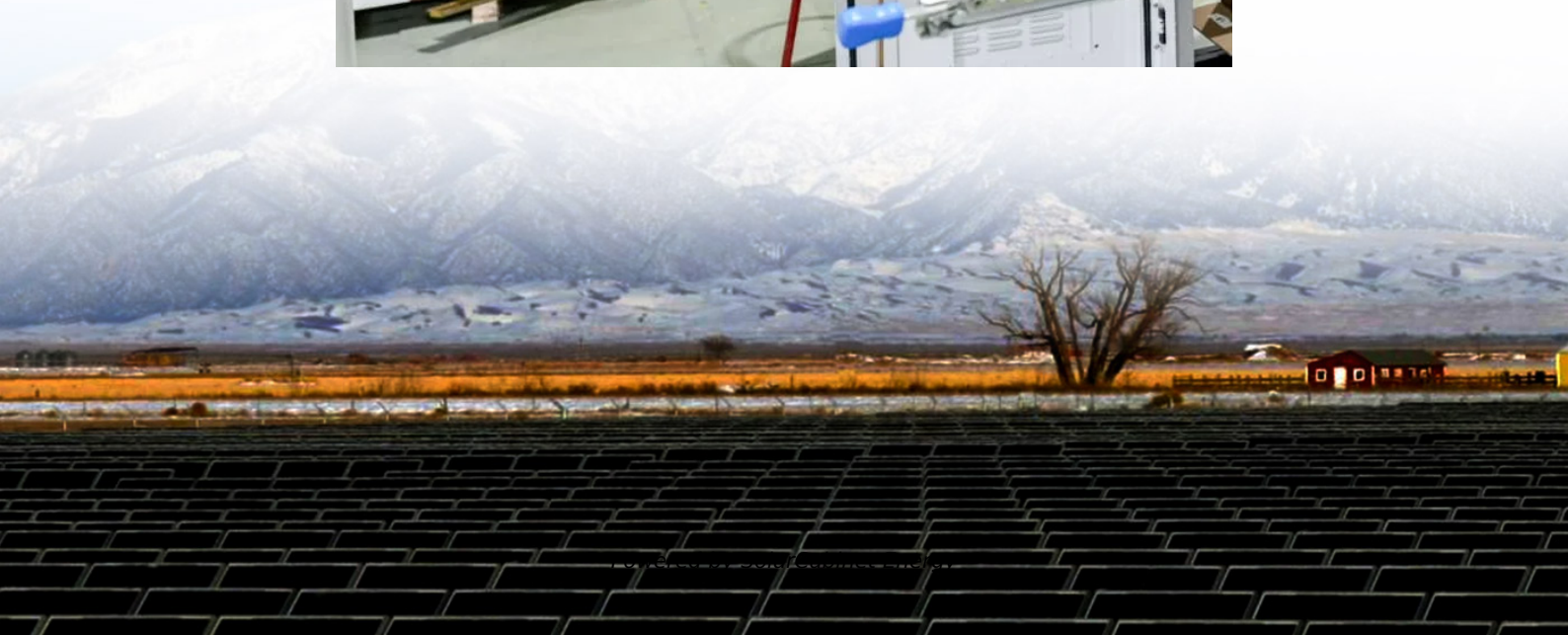


New Zealand s new energy storage project





Overview

New Zealand has completed its first industrial-scale energy storage installation — the Ruakākā Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with a capacity of 100 MW and 200 MWh. What is New Zealand's first large-scale battery storage system?

New Zealand has completed its first large-scale grid battery storage system with the launch of Meridian Energy's Ruakākā Battery Energy Storage System.

Where is New Zealand's first grid-connected battery energy storage system located?

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

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.

Will a 100 mw storage system improve New Zealand's national grid?

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

Does Saft offer a battery energy storage system for New Zealand?

Saft executive vice president for energy storage solutions Hervé Amossé add: “Saft is proud to provide this first Battery Energy Storage System for New Zealand in the Waikato. We are excited to start this operation phase of the battery for which we will continue to support our partners.



Is a 130 MW solar farm being built in New Zealand?

A large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system is to be built at Ruakākā on North Island, which is the first stage of a project that will also include the construction of a co-located 130 MW solar farm. This is thought to be the first of its kind in New Zealand.



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[Launch of New Zealand's first utility-scale Battery Energy Storage](#)

The BESS is set to deliver huge benefits to the Waikato by providing an energy storage facility which will improve the resilience of the New Zealand electricity system, while ...

Energy minister welcomes New Zealand's first grid-scale battery storage

Minister for Energy Dr Megan Woods attended an event to officially inaugurate the first grid-scale battery energy storage system in New Zealand, hosted by energy retailer and ...



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