

# **New Zealand Auckland Fort Energy Storage Project**





## Overview

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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:.

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 Ruakākā 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.

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.

Can a 200 MWh solar farm be built in New Zealand?

A 200 MWh solar plus storage farm planned for Glorit near Auckland, on the north island of New Zealand, has been granted resource consent and a notice of requirement by an independent panel. The decision allows the solar farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) for the Glorit Solar Farm to proceed, with more than 100 conditions in place.



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### [The New Zealand Battery Project: A Pioneering Leap ...](#)

Apr 21, 2023 · What is the New Zealand Battery Project The project involves the research, development, and implementation of large-scale energy storage systems to support the ...

### [Battery energy storage systems roadmap released](#)

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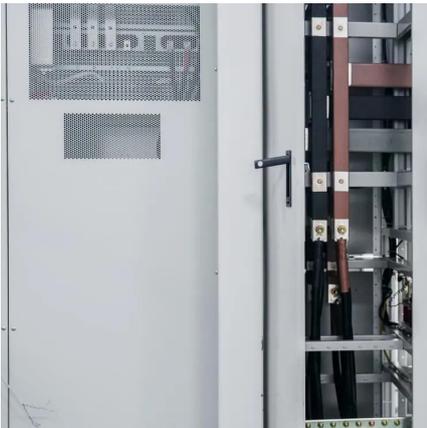
### [New Zealand gives approval to 200 MWh solar-plus-storage project](#)

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May 23, 2025 · 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 ...



### **NZ Battery Project**

Phase 1 - Feasibility Study  
Phase 2 - Detailed Business Case, Final Investment Decision  
Phase 3 - Implementation  
Scope and decision-points  
Investigation and evaluation of long-term, large-scale renewable energy storage options, including pumped hydro and a range of other dry year storage solutions. The project explores in detail the feasibility of pumped hydro at Lake Onslow, including geotechnical investigations. Cost: approxi...  
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### [Construction commences on Glenbrook Battery Energy Storage ...](#)

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### [Soft energy storage system to support New Zealand's ...](#)

Jan 10, 2023 · Meridian Energy is building New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) at Ruakaka on North Island. Soft lithium-ion technology will ...



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