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New Zealand Solar Background





Overview

What is solar energy in New Zealand?

Learn about solar energy in New Zealand, and its advantages and limitations. In October 2022, Electricity Authority data showed 43,641 solar systems installed across New Zealand, adding up to 240 MW. This makes up an estimated contribution of under 1% of total electricity consumption.

How many solar panels are installed in New Zealand?

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Why is the New Zealand solar market growing so much?

The New Zealand solar market has seen its installed capacity increase threefold from 90 MW in 2018 to approximately 270 MW as of 2023. This substantial surge can be largely attributed to the rise of "distributed generation," where most solar installations directly feed into the local distribution network.

Does New Zealand have a solar atlas?

In New Zealand the uptake of solar energy has increased substantially, but the relative contribution to the overall energy mix is still small. Previous research efforts on the solar resource across the country are revisited with improved satellite-modelled data from Solargis to derive a solar atlas for the country.

Will a solar farm change New Zealand's electricity generation?

Kaitaia solar farm, in the far north of the North Island, is the first of a number of solar farms that will change electricity generation in New Zealand. While New Zealand has over 300MW of solar power connected to the grid, it's mostly been small scale until now.



How do solar panels work in New Zealand?

Usually made of silicon, they are designed to generate an electric current when exposed to sunlight. New Zealand receives on average about 4 kilowatt hours of raw solar energy per day for each square metre horizontal to the ground. Solar electric PV panels currently available can convert up to 15% of the available solar energy into electricity.



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