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# **New Zealand's simple energy storage system**



## Overview

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Electric power distribution company WEL Networks and developer Infratec have launched their grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) in New Zealand. Is New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery storage system complete?

Construction of New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery storage system is now complete, with Meridian Energy's Ruakākā Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) being officially opened in a ceremony later today.

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.

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.

What is a battery energy storage system?

Solving that intermittency issue is a fantastic opportunity for those developing or investing into firming technologies such as Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). A BESS captures, stores and discharges electricity.

Is New Zealand a key market for storage solutions?

Power Electronics NZ Ltd Operations Director Brent Sheridan sees New Zealand as a key market for storage solutions with future generation growth primarily being led by solar and wind technology. "Both these forms of

generation work perfectly in combination with batteries to provide a continuous and stable energy supply.

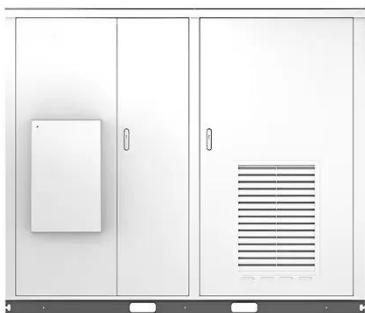
What can New Zealand do to improve energy resilience?

WEL Networks and Infratec said they are actively pursuing other opportunities to enhance resilience and increase access to renewable energy in the region. New Zealand currently has a couple of 1MW battery storage systems in operation, but certainly nothing on the scale of the BESS in Huntly.

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## New Zealand's First Utility Scale Battery Energy ...

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### **ESS**



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## **Genesis Energy Initiates Construction of 200MWh Battery Storage System**

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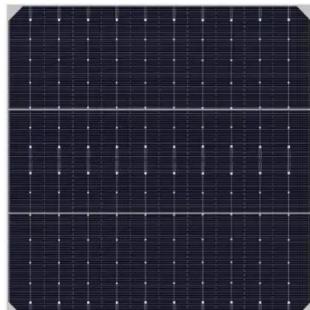
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## Launch of New Zealand's first utility-scale Battery Energy Storage

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## **Energy storage systems as instantaneous reserve , Our ...**

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## **The need for energy storage: Firming New Zealand's ...**

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## **New Zealand's first grid-scale battery energy storage system**

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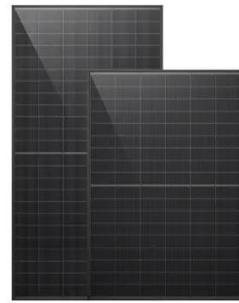
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## **Understanding the value of residential solar PV and ...**

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## Genesis Energy Launches Construction of 200MWh Battery Storage System

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## **Powering Aotearoa, New Zealand's Future: The Ruakaka**

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## **Meridian powers up New Zealand's largest grid ...**

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Saft Executive Vice President for Energy

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## Completion of Ruakaka Battery Energy Storage ...

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