

# New Zealand utility scale battery

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.

Who built the first battery in New Zealand?

Infratec GM, Nick Bibby says, "Our team have worked closely with our parent company WEL Networks, our major suppliers and local electrical and civil contractors on this innovative build. The result is a battery that is the first of its scale to be built in New Zealand." Construction on the 35MWh BESS in Rotowaro, Huntly commenced in July 2022.

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. "Power Electronics are proud to be the suppliers of inverters for this project.

Is a 35mw/35mwh storage system being built in New Zealand?

The two companies said last Friday (20 October) that their 35MW/35MWh project, in the Waikato region of New Zealand's Upper North Island, has entered the commissioning phase. Infratec general manager Nick Bibby said that the storage system is "the first of its scale to be built in New Zealand".

WEL Networks and Infratec are proud to announce the launch of New Zealand's largest Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with commissioning underway. The BESS is set to deliver huge benefits to the Waikato by providing an ...

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Grid-scale battery storage systems promise to solve this problem, and a few more, by providing the much-needed flexibility that renewable power plants alone cannot. As a result, worldwide as well as in New Zealand, more and more large-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are announcing their arrivals. Let's take a look at a few ...

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Net Zero goal of becoming 100% renewable by 2030.. The BESS will provide the opportunity for more renewable generation to be installed, with the large scale ...

New Zealand's first big battery is slated for construction in Ruakaka, on the country's North Island, about 150 kilometres north of Auckland. ... allowing a faster deployment of utility-scale storage plants. Saft's Intensium Shift is its 5th generation of "ready to install" 20-foot container Energy Storage System. Saft says it is ...

The \$163 million new grid-scale battery builds on Contact's existing partnership with New Zealand Steel and will sit on its Glenbrook site in south Auckland. This site is ideal as it has flat land and ...

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WEL Networks and Infratec is building the country's first utility-scale battery energy storage system in Huntly which is set to store enough energy to meet the daily demands of over 2000 homes.

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The potential highs and lows of developing solar projects in New Zealand have been underlined this month, as the country's first utility-scale solar farm began generating power less than a ...

"This major contract for Genesis will be Saft's third utility-scale BESS to support the New Zealand grid. This success is based on the growing reputation of our Intensium lithium-ion battery containers as a reliable and cost-effective solution, combined with our capability to provide a turnkey solution comprising energy storage, power conversion, and control ...

Saft Executive Vice President for Energy Storage Solutions, Hervé Amoss, says Saft are proud to pioneer the utility scale energy storage system with WEL Networks and Infratec in New Zealand. "This first network-scale battery system will contribute to the country's Net Zero ambition by 2030, allowing for more renewable energy to be ...



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