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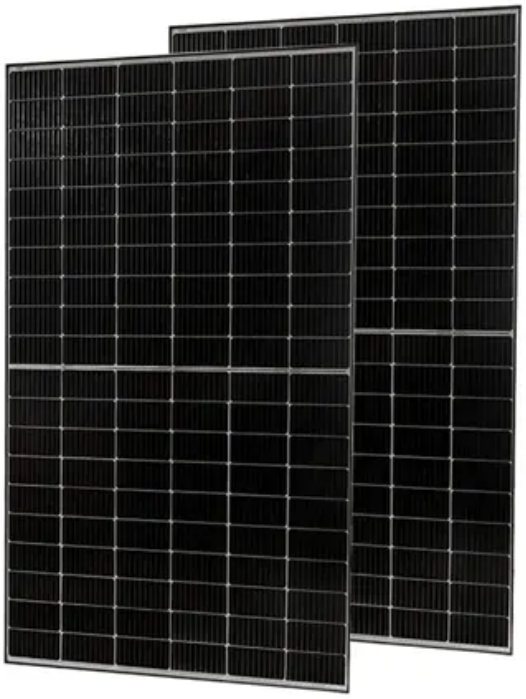
# New Zealand grid-side energy storage



## Overview

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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. The Ruakākā BESS has a maximum output of 100MW of electricity and storage capacity of.

Meridian Energy, a New Zealand state-owned energy company, has completed the development of its 100MW/200MWh 2-hour duration Ruakākā battery energy storage system (BESS), which it claims is the country’s first utility-scale BESS. Construction of the BESS, located south of Whangārei, the.

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 energy storage facility which will improve the resilience of the New Zealand.

Recent dry conditions in 2023 and 2024 exposed the limitations of this reliance, triggering price volatility and renewed interest in battery energy storage as a tool to increase grid flexibility and resilience. Transpower New Zealand is the state-owned grid operator responsible for the maintenance.

New Zealand is transitioning most of its remaining fossil-fuelled generation to

renewables-based intermittent and variable generation. Having a greater proportion of intermittent and variable generation creates challenges for how the power system operates, including the reliability and security of.

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