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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.

Is Genesis Energy building a battery energy storage system in New Zealand?

Genesis Energy, a publicly listed energy company in New Zealand, has officially commenced the construction of a 100MW/200MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) on the North Island. The company announced that construction began on June 5, 2025, at the Huntly Power Station, which is the largest thermal power station in New Zealand.

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:

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.

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