

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Does New Zealand have a distributed 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. Could a distributed battery energy storage system support New Zealand's power system?

A new report has found the widespread uptake of distributed battery energy storage systems (BESS) in New Zealand could play an important role in supporting the power system as solar PV and electric vehicles are increasingly adopted.

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.

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 Infratec be New Zealand's First Utility-scale battery energy storage system?

Infratec, a renewables developer, is in the final stages of assessment for New Zealand's first utility-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) with Power distribution company WEL Networks.

What is the power system in New Zealand?

system The New Zealand power system is relatively small. It encompasses two

islands, connected by an HVDC link. Today, the North Island power system serves an island maximum load of ,500 MW, and the South Island a maximum load of 2,200 MW. Most of the time, excess electricity from South Island hydro generation is exported.

How is electricity transported in New Zealand?

Electricity is transported at high voltage (up to 220,000 volts) through a high-voltage alternating current system around New Zealand. To transfer electricity between the North and South Island, there is a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) inter-island cable with a transmission line under the Cook Strait.

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Jan 10, 2023 · Saft lithium-ion technology will provide 100 MW power



and 200 MWh storage capacity to support grid stability as intermittent wind and solar power increases in New Zealand

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## An Overview of Distributed

## Energy

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## **Distributed battery energy storage systems in New Zealand : power**

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