

## New Zealand s three largest energy storage power stations







## **Overview**

Where is the largest thermal power station in New Zealand?

The Huntly Power Station, New Zealand's largest thermal power station. Image: Saft. Saft, a subsidiary of French energy giant TotalEnergies, will provide Genesis Energy in New Zealand with a 100MW/200MWh utility-scale battery energy storage system (BESS).

What is the largest power station in New Zealand?

Huntly Power Station is the largest thermal power station in New Zealand, with a generation capacity of 1,200MW, making it the country's single largest electricity generation site. According to Saft, the power station plays an important role in the country's electricity market.

How will a new battery energy storage system benefit New Zealand?

New battery energy storage system (BESS) will discharge energy at a split second to significantly improve security of energy supply to New Zealanders. The 100-megawatt (MW) battery to provide enough electricity at peak demand to power the equivalent of 44,000 homes.

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.



Where is the largest solar power plant in New Zealand?

The construction of the Huntly BESS follows Genesis Energy's recent launch of what it claims is the country's largest solar PV power plant: the 63MWp Lauriston site, located west of Christchurch on the South Island, near the Rakaia River in the Canterbury Plains.



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