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# New Zealand invests in energy storage power station



## Overview

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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). Where is a new energy storage system being built in New Zealand?

The project will be developed at the Huntly Power Station, New Zealand's largest thermal power station. Image: Genesis Energy. Genesis Energy, a listed New Zealand generation, wholesale, and retail energy company, has started constructing a 100MW/200MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) on the country's North Island.

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).

When will New Zealand's energy storage project come online?

The energy storage project is expected to come online during the July-to-September period of 2026. Saft described the Huntly Power Station as "the single largest electricity generation site in New Zealand." New Zealand welcomed its first utility-scale battery energy storage system earlier this year.

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

Image: Genesis Energy. Genesis Energy, a listed New Zealand generation, wholesale, and retail energy company, has started constructing a 100MW/200MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) on the country's North Island. The company confirmed it had kicked off construction of the BESS on 5 June.

What is New Zealand's First Utility-scale battery energy storage system?

New Zealand welcomed its first utility-scale battery energy storage system earlier this year. The 35 MW/35 MWh Rotohiko battery facility commenced operation with electricity distribution company WEL Networks in April, after completing testing and commissioning.

Will Saft's battery energy storage system improve New Zealand's electricity grid?

Enhanced Grid Stability: The integration of Saft's battery energy storage system (BESS) will provide essential stability to New Zealand's electricity grid.

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