

# Expected ROI of BESS project in New Zealand 2025

How much does a Bess project cost in New Zealand?

Construction of the BESS, located south of Whangarei, the northernmost city of New Zealand, began in early 2023 and was completed within the project's original budget of NZ\$186 million (US\$109 million). It forms stage two of Meridian's Ruakaka Energy Park development.

When is the first Bess project commissioned in New Zealand?

Whilst amendments were first made to New Zealand's Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (the Code) in 2018 to facilitate grid-scale BESS, the first significant (35MW) BESS project was not commissioned until March 2024.

Why is Bess important in New Zealand?

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: Improving network pricing to maximise consumer benefits from new and emerging technologies, including BESS.

Will Bess become a cog in New Zealand's energy landscape?

We expect that BESS will also become an increasingly important cog in New Zealand's broader energy landscape and that we will see utility-scale solar projects incorporating batteries as a means of providing dispatchable generation during peak demand and enhancing grid stability.

How does a Bess project make money?

There are two key direct revenue streams for a standalone BESS project: energy arbitrage and ancillary services. Energy arbitrage involves purchasing electricity to charge the batteries when wholesale prices are low and supplying that energy back to the grid when wholesale prices are higher.

Who is delivering a Bess system in NZ?

Saft, a subsidiary of TotalEnergies, is delivering this system, and Meridian anticipates that the BESS will generate annual revenues of up to NZ\$59.3 million. Transpower, a state-owned transmission company, is noted to have played a key role in planning, construction and commissioning.

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Neoen and Nidec announced construction of a 9 MW/93.9 MWh BESS - the largest BESS project in both Sweden and all of Northern Europe. It is expected to enter operation in the first half of 2025. BESS remained the ...

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As the renewable energy sector rapidly evolves, battery energy storage systems (BESS) are emerging as a critical pillar for decarbonization. However, with capital constraints and rising market ...

Construction of New Zealand's first large-scale grid battery storage system is now complete, with Meridian Energy's Ruakaka Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) being officially opened in a ceremony later today. The ...

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Construction on both BESS deployments began in Q1 2025, with commercial operations targeted for 2025 and 2026. The BESS systems will be charged and discharged daily to help meet peak ...

In April 2025, Spain's installed BESS capacity is only 60MW, whereas the UK and Italy already have 5.6GW and 1GW of online BESS capacity, respectively. In this article, we discuss the ...

"The BESS adds a critical new storage asset to the North Island grid. It supports our capability to shift loads between price periods, manage peak demand, enhance resilience ...

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Total project costs for utility-scale BESS are expected to fall by another 16% between 2021 and 2025. These battery cost reductions will be driven by increasing battery demand from the ...

Developers expect to bring more than 300 utility-scale battery storage projects on line in the United States by 2025, and around 50% of the planned capacity installations will be in Texas. The five largest new U.S. ...

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The storage facility is expected to be operational by October 2025. Meanwhile, Eku Energy's 40 MW/40 MWh BESS in Maldon, Essex, has come online. It is the company's first UK project to reach commercial ...

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