



# Average BESS price per 30kWh in New Zealand

How much does a Bess battery cost?

Factoring in these costs from the beginning ensures there are no unexpected expenses when the battery reaches the end of its useful life. To better understand BESS costs, it's useful to look at the cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) stored. As of recent data, the average cost of a BESS is approximately \$400-\$600 per kWh. Here's a simple breakdown:

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.

Why is Bess important in New Zealand?

The uptake of BESS in New Zealand is particularly important given that it can help to solve one of New Zealand's biggest energy challenges - meeting peak demand. In recent years, there have been ongoing concerns as to the reliability of New Zealand's energy supply following blackouts in 2021.

How much does a kWh cost in New Zealand?

However, depending on where you live in the country, the price can vary between as low as 31.93c per kWh, in Christchurch, to 45.42c per kWh in Kerikeri and 45.45c in Westport. Of course, you can't do much about where you live, apart from move.

What factors affect the cost of a Bess system?

Several factors can influence the cost of a BESS, including: Larger systems cost more, but they often provide better value per kWh due to economies of scale. For instance, utility-scale projects benefit from bulk purchasing and reduced per-unit costs compared to residential installations. Costs can vary depending on where the system is installed.

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.

In 2024, the cost per kWh of BESS systems dropped by 40% year-on-year from 2023, now averaging \$165/kWh - less than half the price seen just five years ago. In China, prices have fallen even further, with bids for a large-scale system ...

Methodology Projected Utility-Scale BESS Costs: Future cost projections for utility-scale BESS are based on

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a synthesis of cost projections for 4-hour duration systems in (Cole et al., 2021) and the Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF) ...

Base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) are based on a bottom-up cost model using the data and methodology for utility-scale BESS in (Ramasamy et al., 2021). The bottom-up BESS model accounts for ...



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