

Large scale battery storage project financing options in New Zealand 2030

Which large-scale battery energy storage systems are coming to New Zealand?

As a result, worldwide as well as in New Zealand, more and more large-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are announcing their arrivals. Let's take a look at a few examples: 1. WEL Networks + Infratec: 35 MW BESS

What is the NZ battery project?

The NZ Battery Project also seeks to ensure energy using businesses can continue to rely on the electricity system to support continued business and industrial operations. Failure to solve the dry year problem in a 100% renewable electricity system will result in shortages and price volatility with economic costs for electricity-using businesses.

Can the NZ battery project achieve 100% renewable electricity?

Increasing storage and/or import of fossil fuels does not support the intentions of the NZ Battery Project to provide a pathway to achieve the goal of 100% renewable electricity. This requires a focus on renewable energy storage options (such as pumped hydro) and/or demand-side solutions.

How many technology options are there in the NZ battery project?

A longlist of 28 different technology options was identified early in the NZ Battery Project by the NZ Battery Project team and MBIE Energy Markets policy team. The list was peer reviewed by the NZ Battery Technical Reference Group and Arup Ltd, and further considered by WSP Ltd.

What if the funding requirements for the NZ battery investment are too high?

If the funding requirements for the NZ Battery investment are much greater than anticipated, there may be increased cost burdens for the Crown or electricity consumers. The Indicative Business Case is informed by the current best available cost information, but this will continue to be updated as improved design information becomes available.

Is the NZ battery project a dry year solution?

This Indicative Business Case is supported by a significant body of technical evidence - but uncertainties exist across all options. The NZ Battery Project was set up with a predominant focus on the option of a pumped hydro scheme at Lake Onslow in Central Otago. This option has been raised as a potential dry year solution since as early as 2005.

Zenobe has secured its largest battery storage financing to date, with Scottish battery storage assets to exceed 1GW £220 million in long-term debt will fund a new battery storage site in Eccles, Scotland, which has now entered ...



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