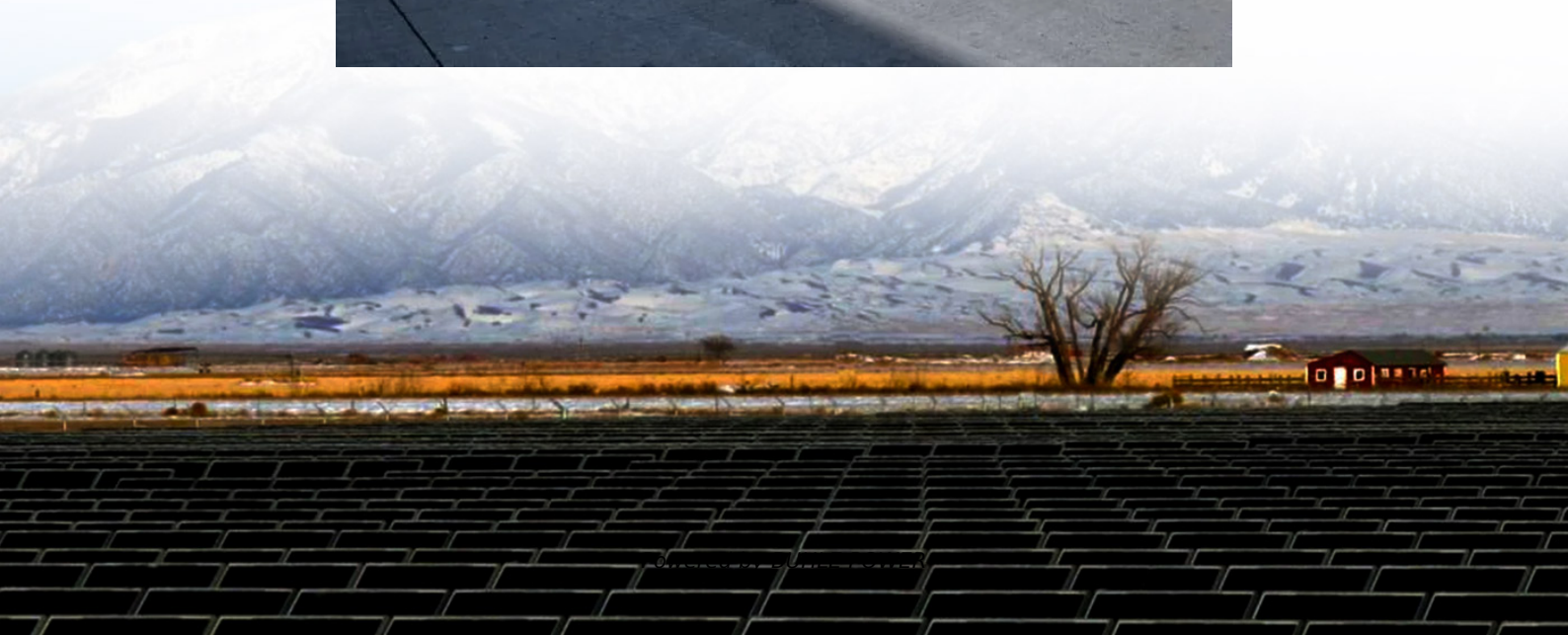


New Zealand Bay One Energy Storage Project





Overview

What are the energy storage options in New Zealand?

Over the period 2016-2023 the New Zealand Government investigated options to ensure sufficient energy storage for electricity generation in the event of future low rainfall resulting in inadequate hydro lake storage. (The NZ battery project). The bioenergy options investigated included energy storage from gaseous, liquid and solid biofuels.

What is New Zealand's first large-scale battery storage system?

New Zealand has completed its first large-scale grid battery storage system with the launch of Meridian Energy's Ruakākā Battery Energy Storage System.

What is the NZ battery project?

The NZ Battery Project was set up in 2020 to explore possible renewable energy storage solutions for when our hydro lakes run low for long periods. A pumped hydro scheme at Lake Onslow was one of the options being explored. The Government stopped the Lake Onslow investigations in late 2023.

How important are battery energy storage systems to New Zealand's electricity supply?

Battery energy storage systems are set to play an increasingly important role in New Zealand's electricity supply.



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