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New Zealand communication base station battery construction



Overview

We have contracted Tesla to supply the battery, a 56 battery-unit Megapack 2 XL system, which is expected to be operational by March 2026. It will be the same size as a rugby pitch – approximately 50m by 100m. How will a new battery help New Zealand's electricity supply?

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What is a New Zealand battery?

Energy type: Battery storing electricity generated by New Zealand’s hydro, geothermal and wind power stations when there is low demand. Construction: Begun July 2024 with the battery expected to be operational by March 2026.

Why is Contact Energy launching a Bess facility in New Zealand?

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Why do New Zealand's energy needs need a Contact Energy Bess?

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What is the largest thermal power station in New Zealand?

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Why do New Zealanders need a bidirectional charging system?

These regulations and standards mean New Zealanders have access to and are encouraged to use well-performing products and technologies, including vehicles for home, commercial and industrial use, saving money and energy. Racing ahead: Australia's roadmap to bidirectional charging launched - Australian Renewable Energy Agency.

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