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Can a larger solar inverter manage New Zealand's first grid-connected solar power plant?

Kea Energy was preparing to embark on New Zealand's first grid-connected solar power plant, Wairau Valley. Key among their requirements was a larger-scale solar inverter that could manage the scale and long-term management of the project. Pictured above: The Kea Energy Wairau Valley solar power plant.

Where is New Zealand's largest solar power plant?

New Zealand's largest grid-connected solar power plant is up and running at Kapuni in South Taranaki. The Sunergise Kapuni Solar Power Plant has a capacity of 2.1MW and comprises 5,800 solar photovoltaic panels. The plant began exporting renewable electricity into the local network since the 10th of May and is now fully commissioned.

How much solar power does New Zealand generate?

In 2024, 601 gigawatt-hours of electricity was estimated to have been generated by grid-connected solar, 1.4% of all electricity generated in the country. As of the end of September 2025, New Zealand had 792 MW of grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) solar power installed.

How long do solar panels last in New Zealand?

Let's take the example of an average-sized solar power system on a typical home. Most solar power systems in New Zealand have a payback period of 7-8 years. Considering the average solar panel lifespan of around 30 years, you can expect virtually free power for well over two decades.

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