

Does New Zealand have a smart grid?

The Forum's investigation concludes that New Zealand hasn't seen the same scale of smart grid development activity as a result of this different approach. However, there is broadly the same type of activity underway, driven by a fairly healthy cross-section of local governments, electricity industry participants, and consumers themselves.

Are smart grid developments a solution to New Zealand's energy crisis?

Smart grid development will help us improve our energy equity, security and environmental sustainability (discussed in section 3). However, New Zealand hasn't yet identified an urgent problem that new technologies or smart grid developments present a clear answer to.

Will New Zealand benefit from Smart Grid technology in 2050?

"In 2050, New Zealand will have leveraged the opportunities made available from emerging smart grid technologies and practices to the benefit of electricity consumers and New Zealand's prosperity and productivity as a whole". 2015. That report set out the Forum's views as to:

Can smart grid developments support emissions reductions in New Zealand?

Smart Grid Forum investigation into how smart grid developments can support emissions reductions in New Zealand. Smart Grid Forum investigation considering how New Zealand's smart grid developments are progressing: Supporting studies by Otago University's Centre for Sustainability:

How has the Smart Grid Forum changed over the years?

Since the Forum was established in 2014, the context has changed. Many agencies and businesses are now actively considering smart grid issues, including a number of new advisory groups and working groups exploring the smart grid space.

Why is integration important in New Zealand's Green Grid research programme?

Integration across the research programme as a whole is also vital, so that ultimately the findings offer a coherent way forward for New Zealand's smart green grid. Fig. 3. Linkages between work packages in the GREEN Grid research programme. Integration relies on regular communication across the research team members.

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We describe how New Zealand is an ideal research environment for combining smart grid capability with integration of high levels of renewables, as it already has around 80% renewable generation, and advanced metering infrastructure in over 62% of households.

At the request of the Minister of Energy and Resources, the New Zealand Smart Grid Forum has considered how New Zealand's smart grid developments are progressing relative to those in other countries - especially technologies and arrangements that support or ...

The report then goes on to examine current Smart Grid progress in the New Zealand context. The various different sectors in the New Zealand electricity industry are examined individually including government, generation, transmission, distribution and retail.

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A lot is happening across government and the energy sector to ensure New Zealanders have access to clean, efficient, affordable energy, while reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and accelerating the adoption of renewables.

Many agencies and businesses are now actively considering smart grid issues, including a number of new advisory groups and working groups exploring the smart grid space. One of the most valuable aspects of the Forum was the platform for sharing knowledge and providing a base for coherent discussion.

New Zealand is fairly unique compared with other countries, with New Zealand having a large renewable base compared with many countries having a large thermal base capacity. In addition, many countries see load management as an area Smart Grids could improve their system.

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