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## Cook Islands: 100% Renewable Energy in Different Guises

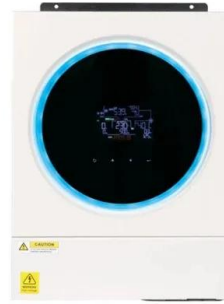
To support this ambitious plan the Asian Development Bank and the European Union fund the Cook Islands Renewable Energy Sector Project, which will construct up to six solar photovoltaic (PV) power plants with a total installed capacity of about 3 megawatts-peak coupled with battery to store electricity from solar energy.



## The Cook Islands go solar



Like a number of other remote island communities, The Cook Islands have decided to get rid of expensive diesel power and go to 100% solar within the next few years. To do this they are constructing solar arrays backed up with small amounts of Li-ion battery storage which they believe will overcome the solar intermittency problem.



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### Mpower to deliver 5.6-MWh battery system in Cook Islands

Mpower, a subsidiary of Australian power sector investor Tag Pacific Ltd (ASX:TAG), has won a contract to design and install a 5.6-MWh battery energy storage system in Rarotonga, the capital of the Cook Islands.



51.2V 150AH, 7.68KWH



### Cook Islands latest Pacific territory to use batteries and solar ...

The Cook Islands in the Pacific will host a 5.6MWh lithium-ion battery energy storage system for the integration of renewables, in a project funded by the Asian Development Bank, European Union and Global Environmental Fund.



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### COOK ISLANDS RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR PROJECT Energy Storage System

The component of this project is a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) proposed to be funded by GEF for installation on Rarotonga. This report sets out Entura's assessment of the feasibility of the Rarotonga ESS subproject.



### Mpower to add 5.6MWh battery system to Cook Islands solar ...

New South Wales-based renewables company Mpower is set to build its largest energy storage project to date, after securing the contract to design and install a 5.6MWh battery system in Rarotonga, the capital of the Cook Islands in the



Pacific.



## COOK ISLANDS RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR PROJECT

maintenance requirements. The substantial battery component was selected to store energy, and thus enable better use of the renewable energy generated in excess of the load (which averages at 45 kW), particularly through the night. The batteries, in ...



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