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How did the New Zealand energy crisis affect solar PV?

In 2024, PV Tech reported on the New Zealand energy crisis, which was triggered by wholesale pricing spikes due to gas shortages and low rainfall affecting the country's hydroelectric resources. This crisis highlighted the need for diversification in New Zealand's energy mix, creating opportunities for solar PV expansion.

How much does a PV system cost in New Zealand?

In 2009, the average turnkey price for a standard 3-kilowatt (kW) PV system was about NZ\$40,000; by 2024 the average residential system size had increased to 7 kW while the average cost had fallen to NZ\$16,500.

How much money did ANZ invest in Te Rahui solar project?

The joint venture has also secured NZ\$300 million (US\$177 million) in project financing through the Australian and New Zealand bank ANZ for the first 200MW phase of the project. The Te Rahui solar PV plant, located at Rangitaiki approximately 35km east of Taupo on New Zealand's North Island, will be developed in two phases.

What is Te Rahui agrivoltaics?

Te Rahui will include 900,000 solar PV modules spread across a 1,022-hectare site that was previously used as a dairy farm. The JV plans to incorporate sheep grazing under solar modules into the project design in a practice known as agrivoltaics. The Te Rahui project comes at a critical time for New Zealand's energy sector.

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