



Ruakākā Energy Park

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Kia ora koutou,

All systems are go on site as we head into spring and prepare to start work on the second stage of the Ruakākā Energy Park – our 130MW solar farm. This will sit on three sites between Port Marsden Highway and Marsden Point Road.



This map shows the three sites which make up the Ruakākā Energy Park.

Kicking off construction on the solar farm

In October we'll be commencing enabling works including tree-felling and earthworks. Piling and installation of the solar arrays will follow.

During construction, there'll be increased traffic along Port Marsden Highway, Mccathie Road, Marsden Point Road and Rama Road. A traffic management plan will be in place for vehicles to enter and exit the worksites safely.

There'll also be noise around the sites, particularly from piling activity. We'll be monitoring noise levels and keeping in touch with our neighbours, so they're kept informed on progress and when construction activities are planned near them.

We expect construction to run through to early 2027.

Bait stations installed near Rama Road



The pest management crew.

We've installed over 100 bait stations in the kanuka block near Rama Road in preparation for any lizard relocation required, with the help of a crew organised by Patuharakeke.

There may be lizards in isolated pockets of vegetation throughout the site which we will relocate to the kanuka block before we start work. It's important to get rat and mice numbers down before we do that, so that the lizards have a safe, predator-free new home.

There are signs along the edge of the kanuka block with information about the bait stations and contact details for more information. Once the population of rats and mice has been sufficiently suppressed, we'll substitute the bait stations for traps.

Power lines moved

Northpower successfully completed the relocation of an 11kV line that ran through the solar farm, in preparation for works to begin. This line now runs along a section of Mccathie Road.

Power Up Ruakākā

We received 26 applications to the first [Power Up Ruakākā](#) funding round. A panel of community members and Meridian staff will now decide on the successful applicants.

We value the communities that surround our generation assets and Power Up funds are one way we show that. The fund supports projects that benefit the local community and whenua closest to Ruakākā Energy Park.

Any questions?

If you have questions about the Ruakākā Energy Park, check out our website at www.meridianenergy.co.nz/ruakaka-energy-park, or email us at ruakaka@meridian.co.nz.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in the progress of the project, please ask them to subscribe to this newsletter by emailing us at the address above.

Ngā mihi,

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The first of six new poles installed along Mccathie Road.