

Can Tokelau support itself with solar energy?

Tokelau, an island nation in the South Pacific, is now completely able to support itself with solar energy. Elly Earls met Joseph Mayhew of the New Zealand Aid Programme to find out how this tiny collection of atolls has become almost 100% self-sufficient in less than 12 months.

Is Tokelau a solar powered island?

In today's edition, Stephanie Bandi reviewed the newly released documentary Tokelau: The Solar Powered Island of the Future which showcases how the island nation harnesses the energy of the sun to power its three atolls. It's been a long year and it's usually around this time that you might be feeling a bit burnout...

How much electricity does a solar system provide in Tokelau?

Each system alone is among the largest off-grid solar power systems in the world, and together they are capable of providing 150% of current electricity demand in Tokelau, a much higher amount than the 90% that was originally planned for.

How do Tokelau locals get supplies from Samoa?

Tokelau locals get all essential supplies brought from Samoa by boat. (file photo). (file photo: AFP) In today's edition of Reel Talk, Stephanie Bandi reviewed Tokelau: The Solar Powered Island of the Future a documentary that showcases how the island nation harnesses the energy of the sun to power its three atolls.

Why did Tokelau switch to solar?

Yet despite the challenges involved in installing comprehensive solar systems in such a remote location, switching to solar was absolutely crucial for the tiny collection of islands. "Tokelau's atolls are low-lying and especially susceptible to the adverse effects of climate change," Mayhew stressed.

Why is electricity so expensive in Tokelau?

Before the PowerSmart systems were installed on the nation's three atolls, Tokelau was highly dependent on imported fossil fuels to meet its energy needs and therefore vulnerable to international price fluctuations and increasing fuel costs, making electricity extremely expensive for both households and businesses.

A third New Zealand-funded PV system has been completed in Tokelau which means that the New Zealand-owned territory now has the capabilities to be powered by 100% solar energy, Foreign Affairs...

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