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Can a solar array power Tokelau?

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Does Tokelau have a solar power system?

Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully today welcomed the completion of a third New Zealand-funded solar power system in Tokelau- meaning almost 100 per cent of the territory's electricity needs are met through solar generation. "The Tokelau Renewable Energy Project is a world first.

Could Tokelau be the world's first renewable nation?

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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.

How many people live in Tokelau?

Tokelau is made up of three small atolls, Atafu, Nukunonu and Fakaofu, has an area of around 10km²; and is populated by 1,411 New Zealand citizens, all of whom now have their energy needs met by solar electricity systems. "Each system alone is among the largest off-grid solar power systems in the world."

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