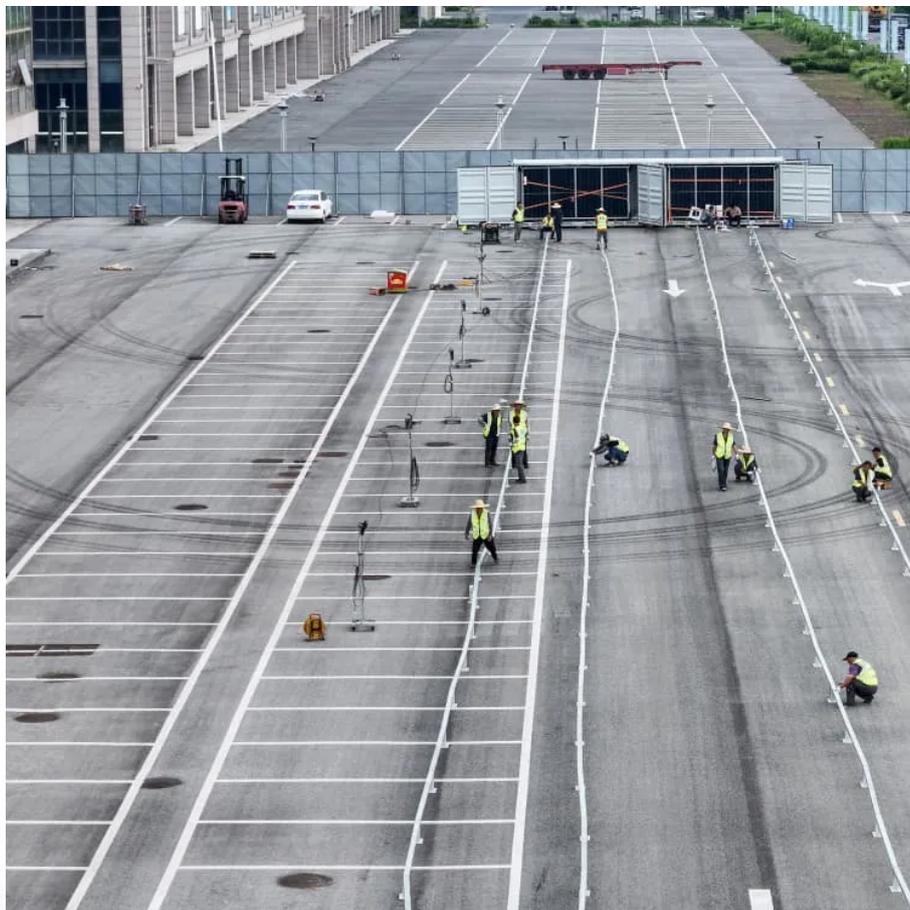


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Overview

Does South Tarawa need solar power?

Constrained renewable energy development and lack of private sector participation. While grid-connected solar power is the least-cost renewable energy option for South Tarawa and there is significant resource potential of 554 MW, deployment has been limited.

Who financed the South Tarawa water supply project?

Supported by the bank and co-financed by the Kiwi government, the project's solar and BESS components were procured under the ADB's South Tarawa Water Supply Project co-financed by the World Bank and the Green Climate Fund.

How much power does South Tarawa need?

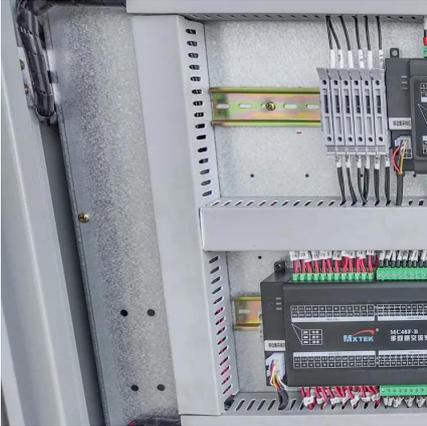
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Who generates grid-connected electricity in South Tarawa?

Grid-connected electricity in South Tarawa is generated and distributed by the state-owned Public Utilities Board (PUB).



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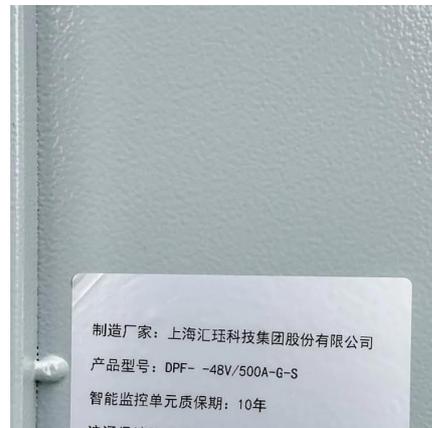
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