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Akuo plans to deploy 200 MWh of battery storage in New Caledonia, supplying 50 MW for three hours per day over 12 years. The facility will primarily support the operation of nickel mines.

AFD is cofinancing the largest solar power plant in New Caledonia to allow cleaner energy to be generated. 43,000 photovoltaic panels will be installed, with a capacity to produce electricity for the equivalent of 5,400 households.

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Total can now claim to have been active in New Caledonia's renewable energy sector for more than 20 years, he added. The group currently manages a fleet of seven solar power plants in the...

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