

Regional Metro update on councils' investment into leaks - 10/03/2026*

*The data provided is based on the best information available at the end of the February reporting period

Public leaks backlog



Backlog as of last month	Leaks reported since last month	Fixed since last month
793	675	590

116 jobs were closed as duplicates, with no work done.

The **sustainable backlog** is the average number of leaks received over 10 working days. This provides headroom, is manageable and provides some flexibility to package work.

Private leaks backlog

Backlog as of last month	Current backlog
321	307

Wellington Water tracks private leaks to monitor water loss, and the level of council investment that goes to finding private leaks.

Overall leaks fixed

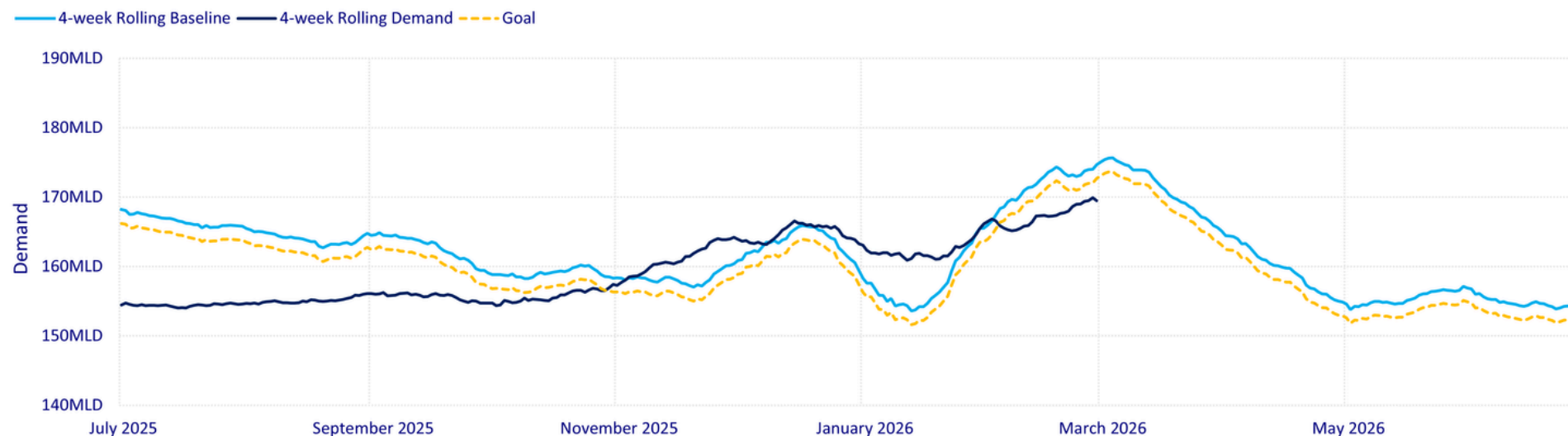
	Public	Private	Total
Fixed since Jan 1 2026	1,133	239	1,372
Fixed since July 1 2025	4,022	1,088	5,110

Water demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Reduction Target -2MLD

The graph below measures demand as an indication of our progress towards achieving the 2 million litres per day (MLD) demand reduction needed to reduce the risk of an acute water shortage/water restriction level 4 for the Wellington Metropolitan Region. The dark blue line demand refers to water that is used by customers and water loss (i.e. leaks).



Leaks forecast

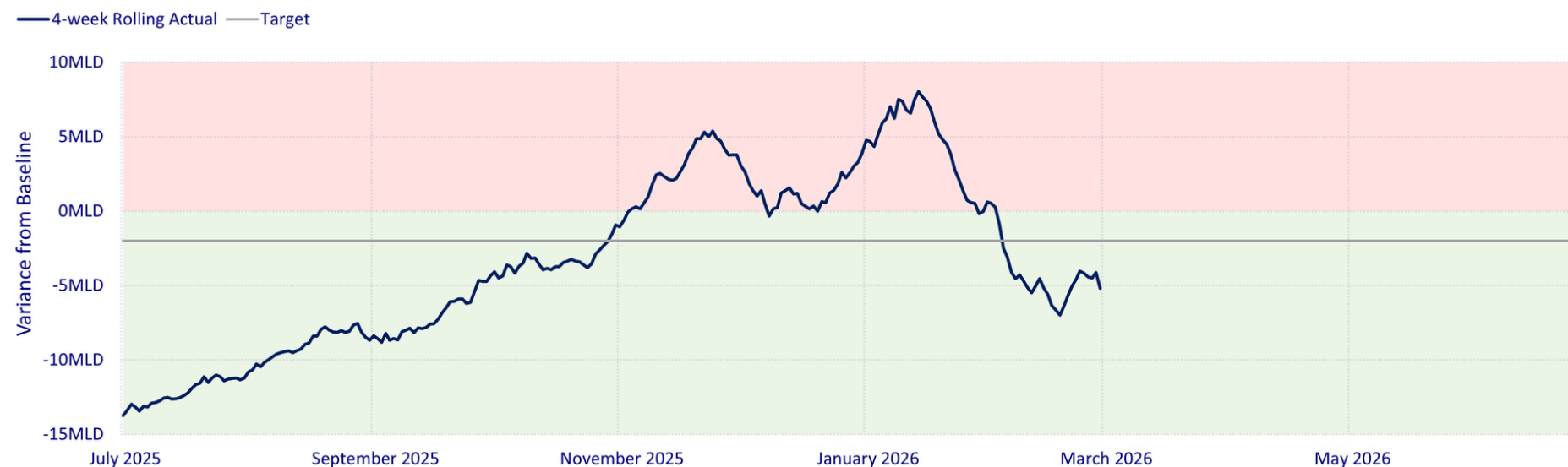
Council	Budget depleted by
WCC	Currently fully funded
HCC	Currently fully funded
UHCC	Budget constraints
PCC	Budget constraints

This will updated as needed to reflect current investment levels.

Regional Metro Variance Tracker (MLD)

Regional Metro Reduction Target -2MLD

The graph below tracks the variation between actual demand, and the pathway to the demand reduction target. This is primarily influenced by council's investment in water loss reduction activities. The grey line indicates the target for demand reduction, while the blue line shows actual demand.



Leaks Backlog by Council

Council	Sustainable backlog	Current backlog
WCC	133	322
HCC	110	216
UHCC	44	100
PCC	38	124

Full data on each council's progress on water loss reduction is updated and made available on our website.

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