

Wellington City Council's investment into leaks - project update 11/1/2026*

*The data is based on the best information available at the end of the December reporting period.

Public leaks backlog



Backlog as of last month	Leaks reported since last month	Fixed since last month
304	794	216

565 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
146	129

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

Overall leaks fixed

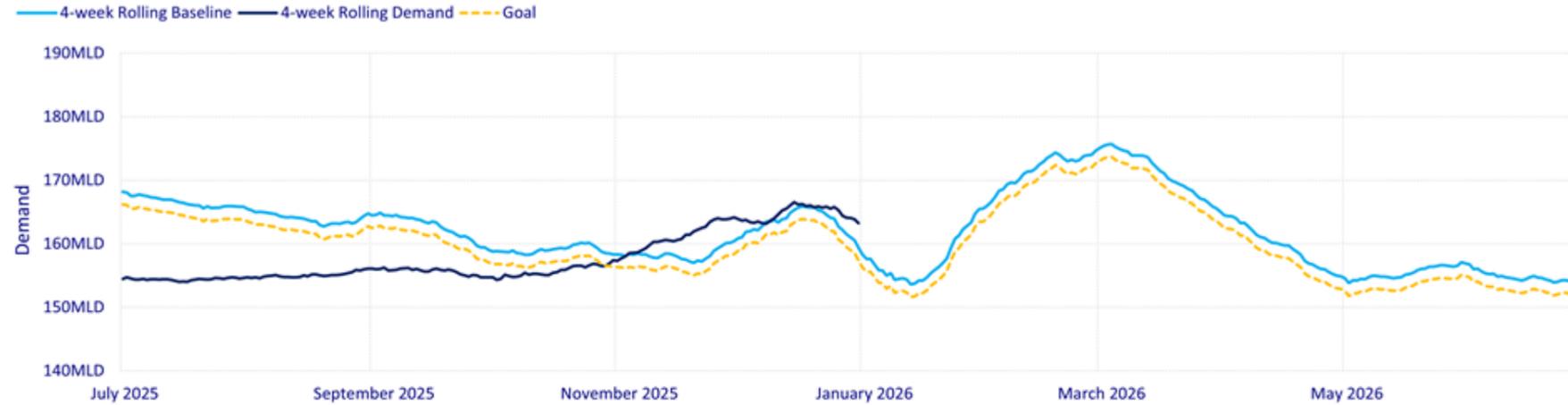
	Public	Private	Total
Fixed since Jan 1 2025	2,561	772	3,333
Fixed since July 1 2025	1,136	383	1,519

Water demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Reduction Target -2MLD

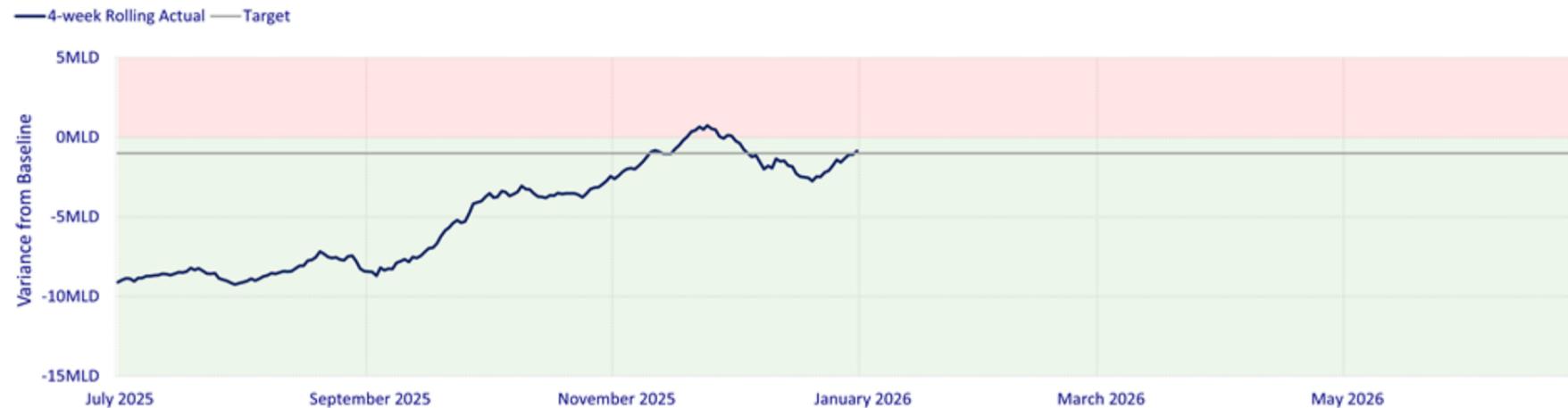
The graph below measures demand as an indication of our progress towards achieving the 2 million litres per day (MLD) demand reduction needed to reduce the risk of an acute water shortage/water restriction level 4 for the Wellington Metropolitan Region. The dark blue line demand refers to water that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



WCC Variance Tracker (MLD)

WCC Reduction Target -1MLD

The graph below tracks the variation between actual demand, and the pathway to the council's 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.



Investment

WCC has invested \$13.770M on reactive maintenance (primarily for leaks) for FY 2025/26.

*\$6.742M has been spent so far.

Baseline Funding Additional Funding

