

Regional Metro update on councils’ investment into leaks - 14/8/2025*

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



Public leaks backlog

325
Sustainable
backlog



319
Current
backlog

Backlog as of last month	Leaks reported since last month	Fixed since last month
288	1066	475

560 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
308	208

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	3861	1101	4962
Fixed since July 1 2025	475	199	674

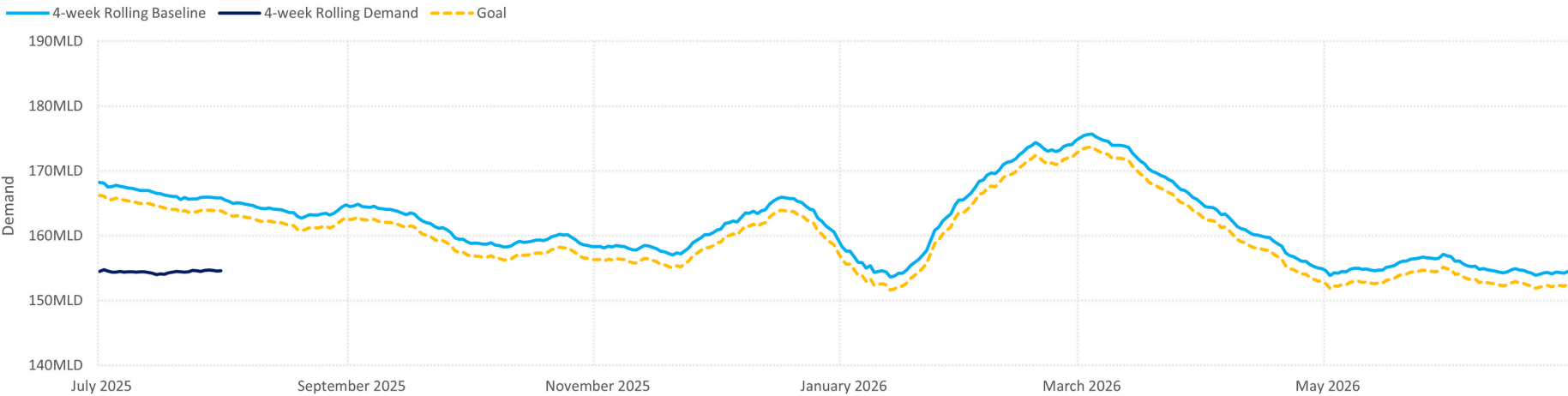


Water demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Reduction Target -2MLD

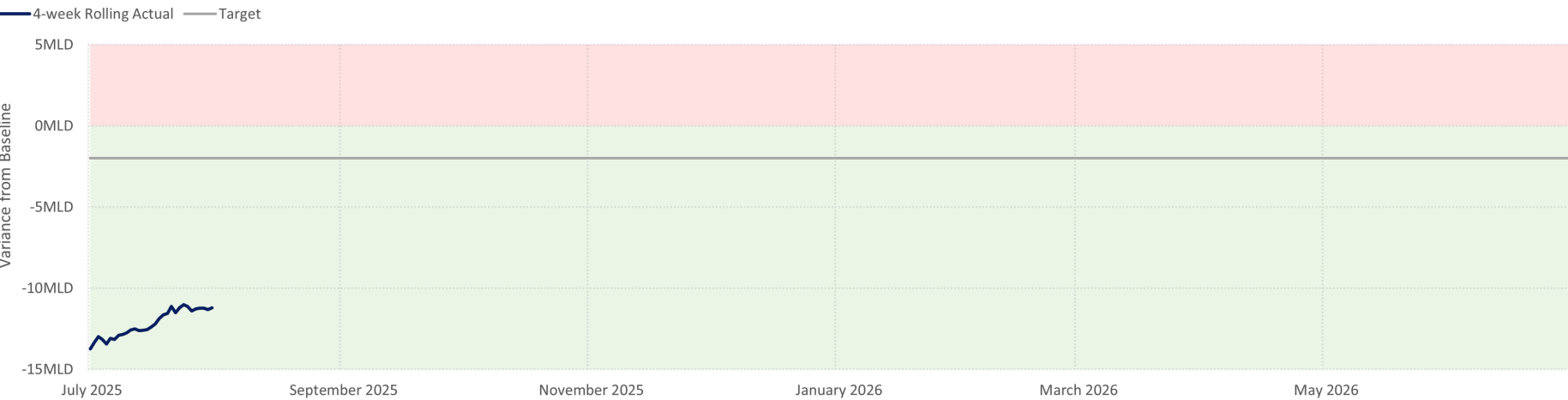
The graph below measures demand as an indication of our progress towards achieving the 2 million litres per day (MLD) demand reduction needed to reduce the risk of an acute water shortage/water restriction level 4 for the Wellington Metropolitan Region. The dark blue line demand refers to water that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



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 forecast

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

This will updated as needed to reflect current investment levels.



Leaks Backlog by Council

Council	Sustainable backlog	Current backlog
WCC	133	166
HCC	110	78
UHCC	44	19
PCC	38	56

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

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