



# Acute Water Shortage Risk Reduction

Update to Taumata Arowai  
July 2024

## Wellington Wellington Water - update to Taumata Arowai schedule

| Records   | Category                     | Breakdown                                | Frequency          | Starting  | Ending                            | Information required   | Notes   | July-24 Commentary   |
|---|------------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Supply and demand modelling review                      | Risk of acute water shortage | N/A                                      | One-off            | -         | 31-May-24                         | Summary of findings of the independent review of the Karaka model, including any recommended adjustments to the model for the 24/25 summer.<br>Description of impact of any modelling changes on the calculated 'Likelihood of demand shortfall and restrictions in 2024/25' curves in Item 2. | Joint letter from WWL and owner councils of 15.03.24 states '... we will carry out an independent review of the model to ensure its accuracy and share the findings with Taumata Arowai'. | COMPLETED<br>Wellington Water completed the one-off report for item 8 in the June 2024 report to Taumata Arowai.           |
| Supply and demand summer risk updates                   | Risk of acute water shortage | Regional                                 | Weekly             | 1-Oct-24  | 30-Apr-25                         | Acute water supply and demand programme report.<br>Water watch dashboard.<br>Governance summer risk dashboard.<br>Production capacity dashboard.<br>Reservoir level weekly view.   | The same reporting is requested during the 24/25 risk period as the 23/24 summer, with inclusion of the updated Karaka model.   | Start reporting October 2024   |
| Water loss reduction dashboard                          | Network water loss reduction | Regional AND individual TA               | Monthly            | 31-May-24 | 30-Apr-25                         | Dashboards at regional and TA level of actual MLD savings, with the addition of staged monthly MLD savings milestones / targets.   | As per Item 6. Include exception commentary where relevant.   | Refer to Demand Tracker further in report  |
| Pressure monitoring progress                            | Network water loss reduction | Regional AND individual TA               | Monthly            | 31-May-24 | 30-Apr-25                         | Tracking (MLD savings) and commentary from pressure monitoring and management interventions.   |   | As per item "4a Pressure Management" further in report   |
| Capital renewals progress                               | Network water loss reduction | Regional AND individual TA               | Monthly            | 31-May-24 | 30-Apr-25                         | Tracking (MLD savings) and commentary from capital renewals programme.   |   | As per item "4b Capital Renewals" further in report  |
| Industry capacity assessment                            | Network water loss reduction | Regional AND individual TA (if possible) | One-off            | -         | 31-May-24                         | A copy of the report on industry capacity.   | As per item 7   | As agreed with Taumata Arowai Wellington Water has attached each councils delivery plans with July 2024 monthly report.    |
| Te Mārua Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) project progress | Increased supply             | N/A                                      | Monthly            | 10-May-24 | Project Completion                | Target dates and commentary for key project milestones, including equipment arrival, plant construction completion targets and progress relative to commissioning targets.   | As per Item 10. More detailed target dates for project milestones should be included as part of the first report. Include exception commentary where relevant.                            | As per item 10 further in report   |
| Resource consent variation progress                     | Increased supply             | N/A                                      | Every second month | 10-May-24 | Decision on variation application | Provide any target dates for submission of resource consent variation application(s) and progress updates.   | As per item 11  | COMPLETED<br>In accordance with discussion with Taumata Arowai Wellington Water ceased reporting from July 2024. (item 11) |

## How is demand tracking?

### Metropolitan view

These graphs measure demand as an indication of our progress towards achieving the 7.4 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 (Wellington City, Porirua, Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt). This target does not reduce the risk of water restriction level 3.

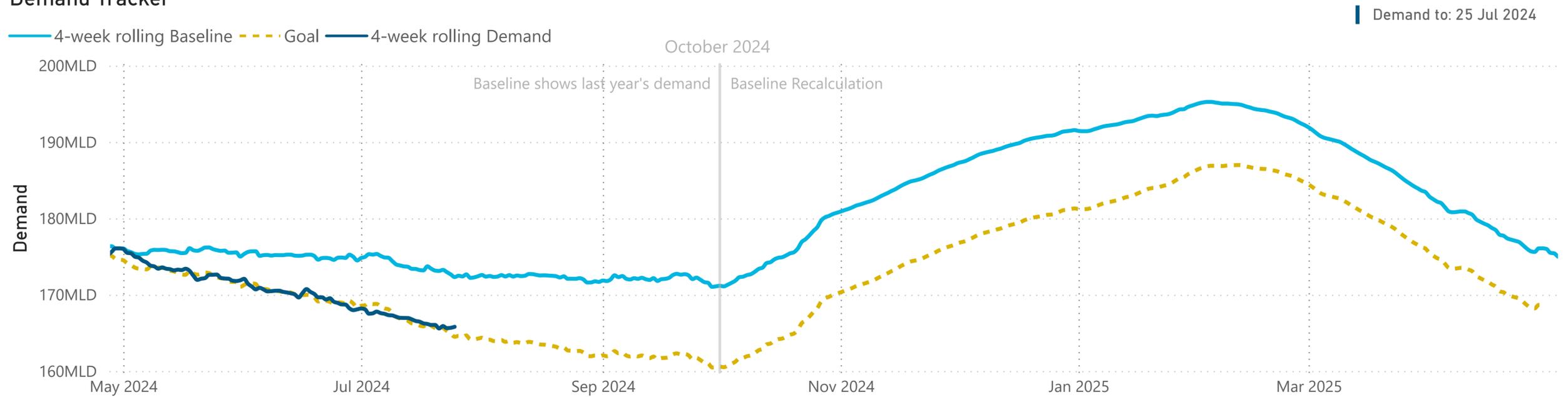
The 7.4MLD demand reduction by February 2025 has been agreed upon by Taumata Arowai, Wellington Water and our council owners as a realistic goal.

'Demand' refers to water that is used by customers and water loss (ie. leaks). Wellington Water and our council owners are working to reduce demand through water loss reduction and increasing customer water conservation. Work is also being done to increase daily supply at Te Mārua Water Treatment Plant. We don't anticipate that the work at Te Mārua will be completed in time to reduce the risk for summer 2024/25.

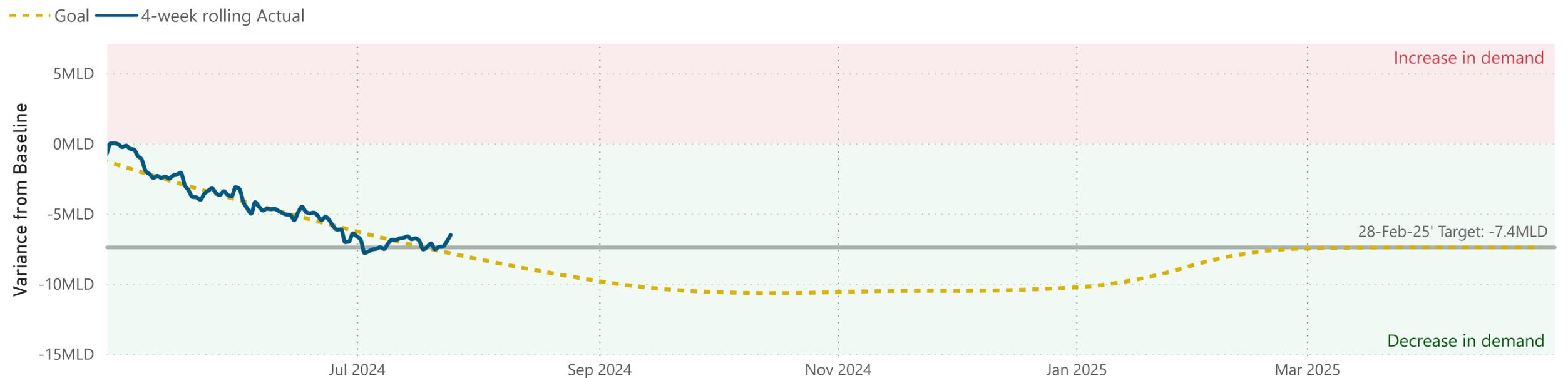
In order to reduce the risk, councils have increased their funding to find and fix more leaks. We are also looking at other operational activities to manage the network and reduce water loss e.g. pressure management.

We expect our data to improve over time, and provide us with a more robust understanding of the efficacy of our demand reduction activities and analysis. We expect these graphs to show short-term fluctuations in actual demand, with the overall trend aligning with the goal.

### Demand Tracker



### Variance Tracker



A range of water loss reduction activities continue across the region, enabling overall demand to remain in line with the goal set for the metropolitan region. The yellow dotted line indicates the goal pathway for demand reduction, while the blue line shows the actual demand. As water demand traditionally increases during summer, to achieve the goal of a 7.4MLD reduction in summer demand we need to exceed that demand reduction during winter. This is built into the graphs below, where demand dips beneath the target and then rises as we enter summer.

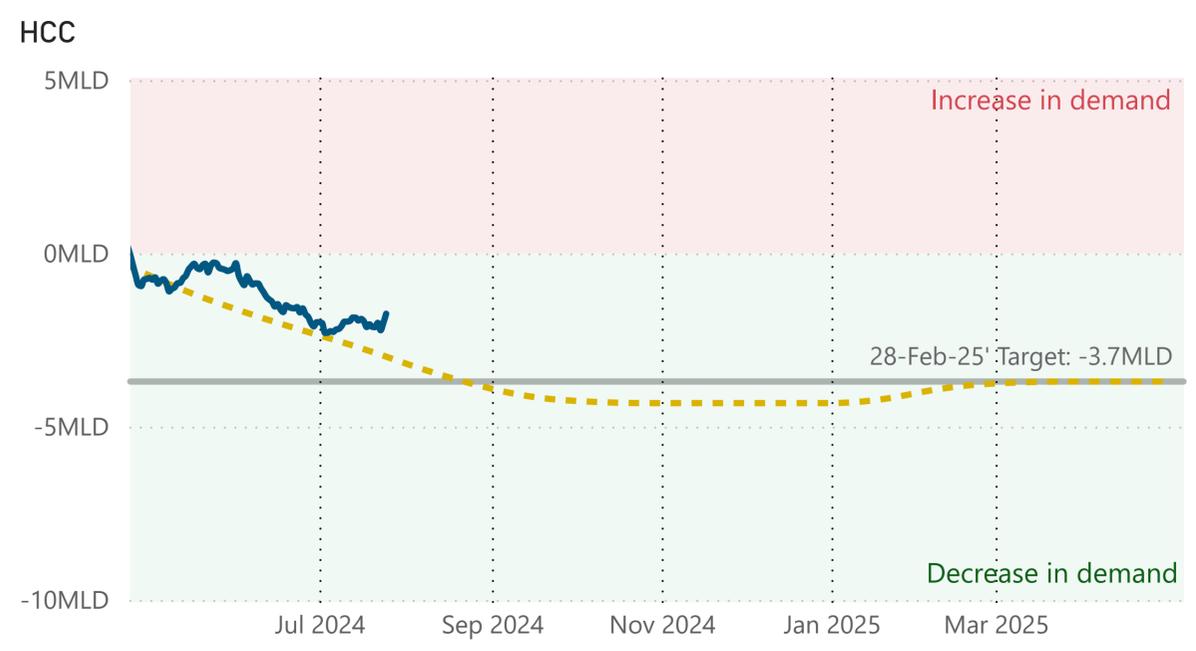
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### Council by council

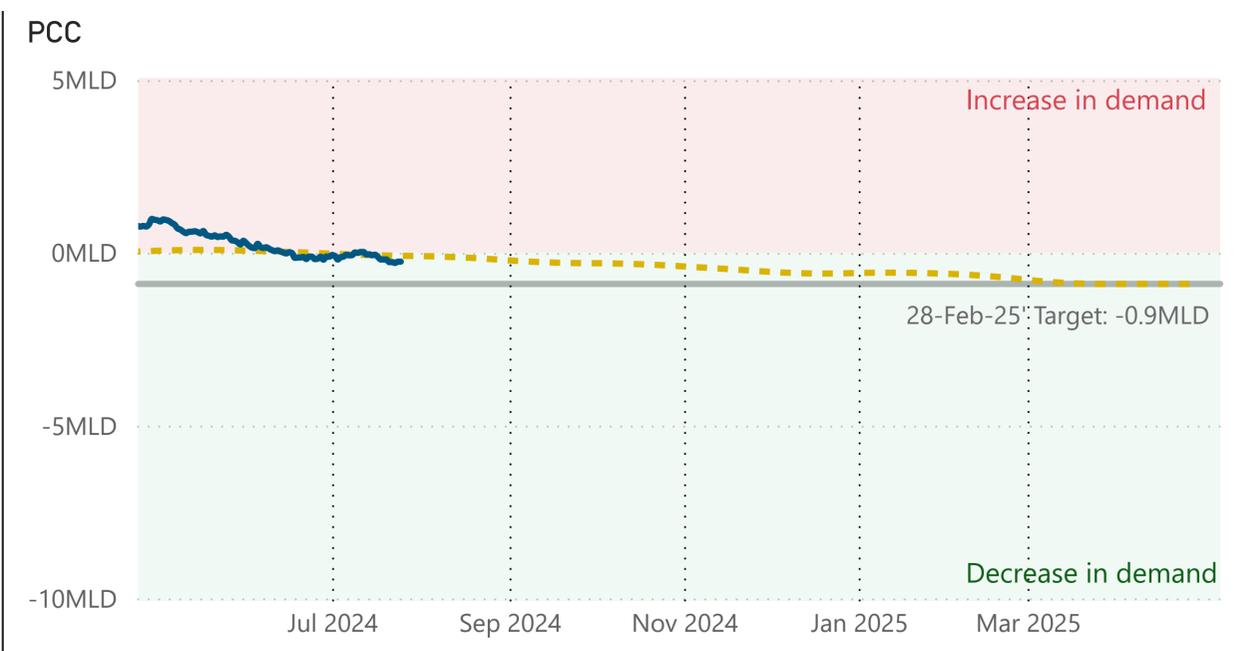
The graphs below track demand reduction, council by council. This is influenced by each council's investment in water loss reduction, activities like pressure management and network calming, and customer use. The yellow dotted line indicates the goal pathway for demand reduction, while the blue line shows the actual demand.

#### Variance Tracker by City

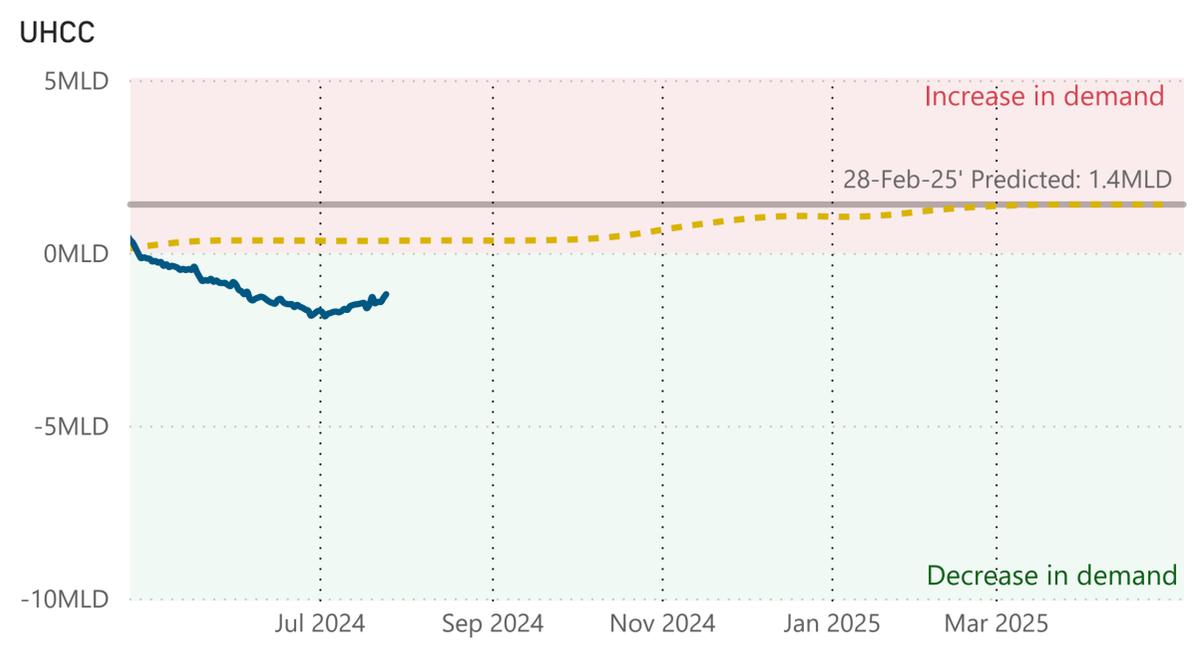
--- Goal — 4-wk rolling Actual



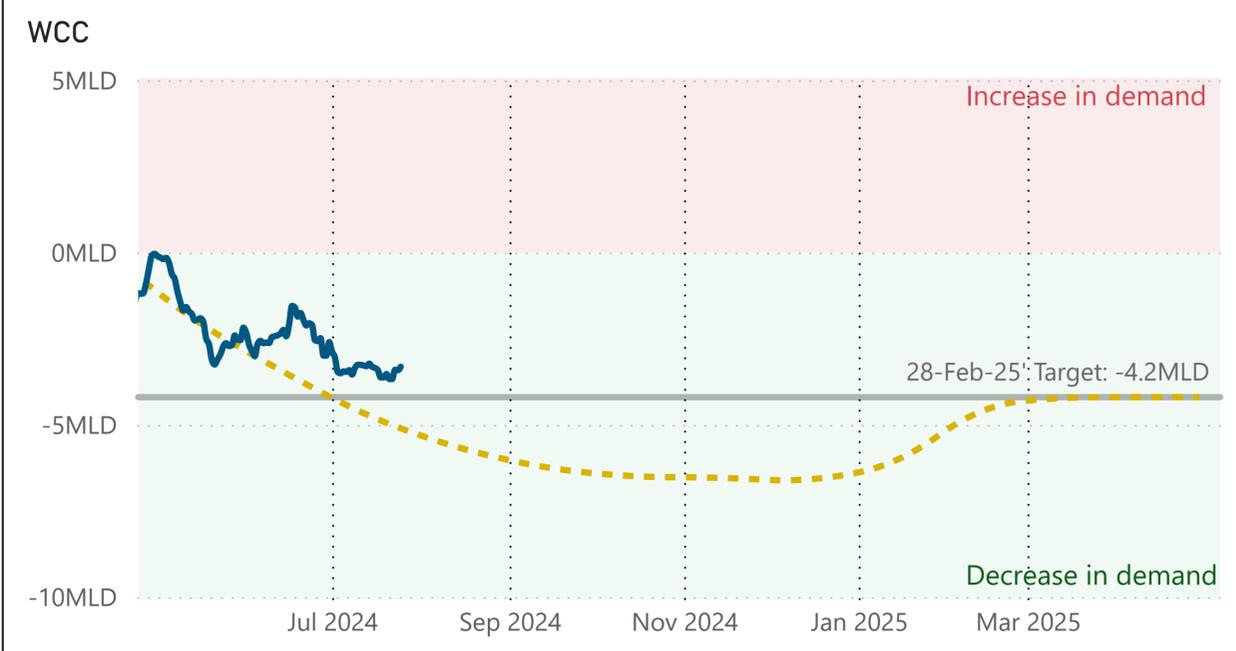
While leak repairs continue at a steady pace, demand reduction has slowed. We are looking into why this is the case, but anticipate its return to being in line with the goal.



Demand tracks in line with the goal, as leak repair work in the region continues.



Overall demand continues to track below the target, which is positive. The number of leaks reported has increased, which has contributed to a slowdown in demand reduction.



Demand draws close to the goal, and we expect this trend to continue in the new financial year as water loss reduction activities are accelerated.

## Reduction Activities

### 4a. Pressure Management

Wellington Water have a pressure management programme which is contingent on funding. Once funding is confirmed by Council LTP budgets, Wellington Water will outline what zones will be constructed for pressure monitoring and management.

#### **Commissioned zones (3)** – post implementation outcomes under review

- Brooklyn
- Johnsonville
- Melrose

#### **In progress zones (2)** – commissioning scheduled by December 2024

- Wellington Road and Wise Street - constructed but not commissioned
- Hine and Main Road – Tender discussions underway

#### **Future zones (15)**

Zones to be investigated and planned implementation within next 7 - 8 years including:

- Hutt City Council (6)
- Upper Hutt City Council (4)
- Porirua City Council (3)
- Wellington City Council (2)

Savings theoretical, between 0.05 and 0.3 MLD per zone

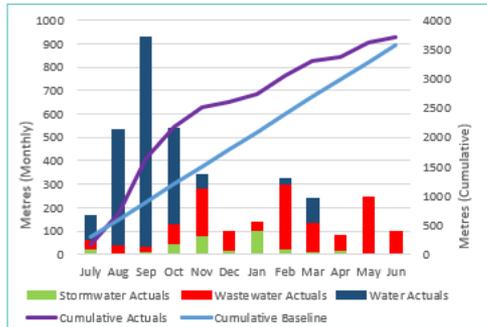
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## 4b. Capital Renewals

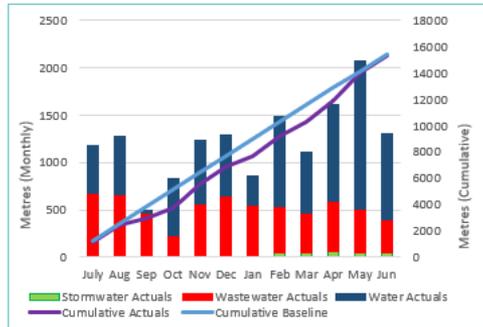
### Metres of Pipe Renewed or Replaced - FY23/24

\*Information as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

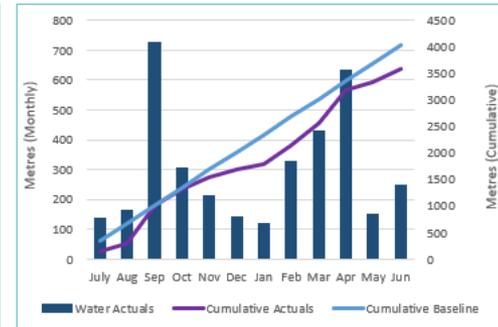
#### Major Projects & Programme Delivery



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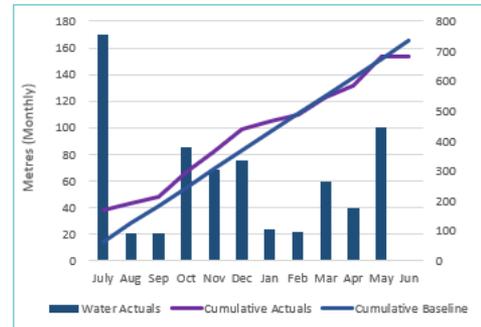
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Note - The current information on metres only includes planned renewals as per the councils LTP

## 8. Supply and Demand Modelling Review

### Taumata Arowai Requirement

- Summary of findings of the independent review of the Karaka model, including any recommended adjustments to the model for the 24/25 summer.
- Description of impact of any modelling changes on the calculated 'Likelihood of demand shortfall and restrictions in 2024/25' curves in Item 2.

### Independent review of the Karaka model High level findings<sup>^</sup>:

- The Sustainable Yield Model (SYM) and Karaka Model processes, analysis, and reporting supports the strategic and operational risk management for the Wellington metropolitan water supply, including the risk context over the 2023/24 summer.
- The use of stochastic data, informed by a seasonal streamflow outlook, represents good practice, and is more sophisticated than current approaches typically adopted for cities of similar size to Wellington.
- There are however a range of opportunities to improve the SYM and its application, and the Karaka model.
- The majority of recommendations are assessed as having a relatively low impact on planning outcomes, but will help to improve the defensibility of Wellington Water's modelling, largely through greater transparency around model inputs and assumptions

Key recommendation relating to adjustments to the model for the 24/25 summer are:

- Data fit recommendation (1-14) will be included in the model update for November 2024. The observation is that the demand model may be under-estimating peak demands. If this is confirmed and the NIWA model is adjusted then the modelled likelihood of demand shortfall and restrictions in 2024/25 would increase.

Another recommendation of note that has the potential for modelling changes is the model input recommendation (1-7). This recommendation has the potential to increase or decrease the modelled likelihood of demand shortfall and restrictions in 2024/25. The observation requires a review of the historic climate records and modelling approach used by NIWA. This is being assessed as it requires a significant investment and will not be incorporated until the next substantive model update.

<sup>^</sup> A fuller summary of the findings from HARC and recommendations are attached for reference.

## Supply Activities

# 10. Key milestones and risks for Te Mārua DAF Project

| Key Scope and Milestones  | MLD Benefit | Target Date (April 2024) | Current Program Date (at June 2024) | Risks/Opportunities   | Comments   |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| DAF Tank Concrete Structures                                    |             | August 2024              | On Track                            | Water network supply issues can impact and delay shutdowns or commissioning, or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party impacts (i.e. Regional Park activities, supply of materials).   |  |
| DAF Train 1 Mechanical & Electrical, and 2 of 6 filters renewed |             | October 2024             | November 2024                       | Complex commissioning in multiple areas of plant. Tying into existing plant while supplying water to the network carries higher risks to project delivery. Early commissioning planning, and lessons learned from previous packages help to decrease the residual risks | Change to the programme date now allows for critical path delivery risk. |
| DAF Train 1 Commissioned  | 20MLD       | November 2024            | January 2025                        | Tying to older existing control systems and integration delays. Change to the programme date now allows for critical path delivery risk. e.g. Weather delays  | Change to the programme date now allows for critical path delivery risk. |
| DAF Train 2/3 Commissioned                                      | 40MLD       | May 2025                 | June 2025                           | Opportunity and risk around next summer water supply, works could come earlier or later depending on how dry summer is. Current program allows for predicted raw water availability for commissioning.  |  |
| Renewal of 6/6 Filters  |             | End of 2025              | On Track                            | Very dry next summer, delays re-start of renewals   |  |