

Regional Metro update on councils' investment into leaks - 6/03/2025*

*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
601	1823	672

1227 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
352	359

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

Overall leaks fixed

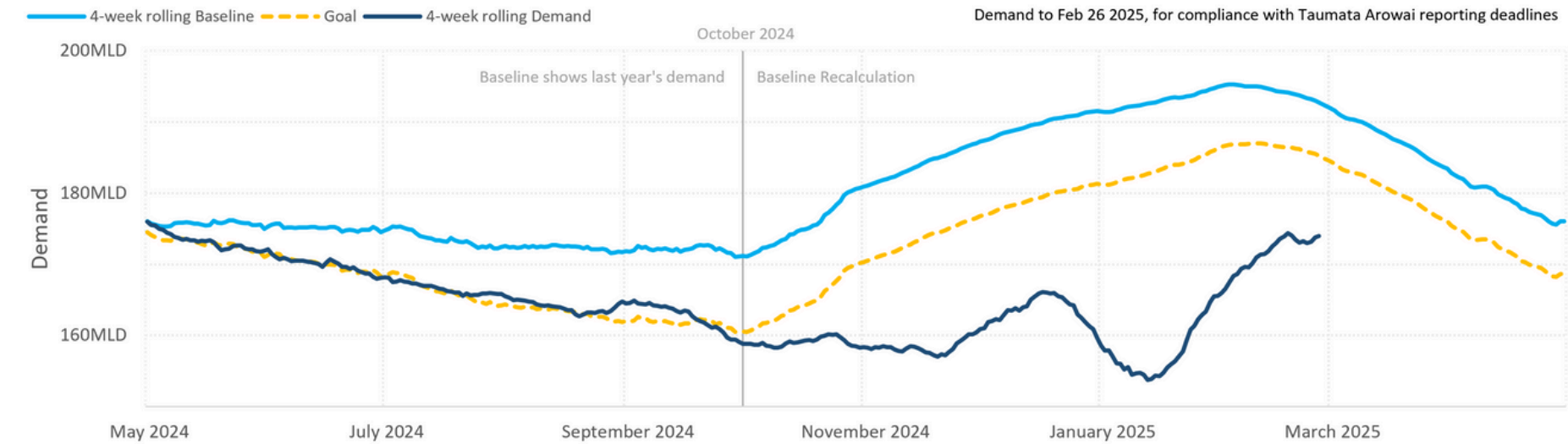
	Public	Private	Total
Fixed since Jan 1 2025	1244	348	1592
Fixed since July 1 2024	5450	1221	6671

Water Demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Reduction target -7.4MLD

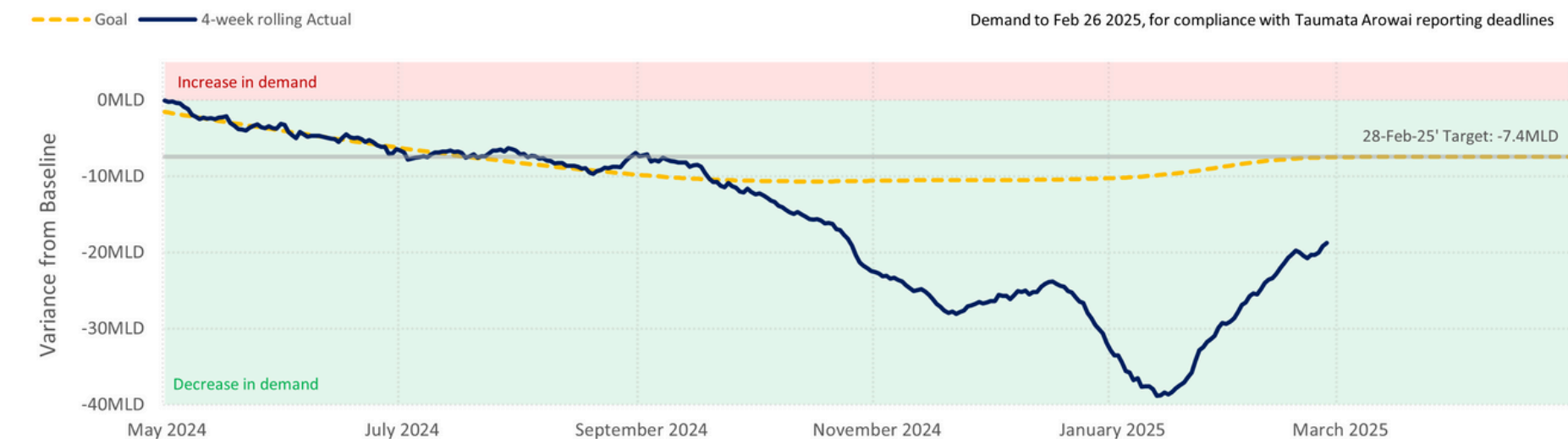
The graph below measures demand as an indication of our progress towards achieving the 7.4 million litres per day (MLD) demand reduction needed to reduce the risk of an acute water shortage/water restriction level 4 for the Wellington Metropolitan Region. The dark blue line shows actual demand (i.e. water that is used by customers and water lost through leaks). The yellow dotted line indicates the goal pathway for demand reduction, while the light blue line shows last year's actual demand. This is updated every month.



Regional Metro Variance Tracker (MLD)

Regional Metro Reduction target -7.4MLD

The graph below tracks the variation between actual demand, and the pathway to council's demand reduction target. 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 dark blue line shows the actual demand. This is updated every month.



February commentary - At a metropolitan regional level, demand has risen as expected with the dryer, warmer weather. We continue to see benefits from ongoing leak repairs and water loss reduction work. This is shown with exceeding the Target Demand Reduction of 7.4MLD by hitting a 10.3MLD reduction as at Feb 2025. There is a significantly reduced risk of tighter water restrictions and water shortages compared to previous years.

Leaks forecast

Council	Budget depleted by <i>(estimated based on average cost per leak)</i>
WCC	Currently fully funded
HCC	Currently fully funded
UHCC	Currently fully funded
PCC	End of April 2025

This will be updated as needed to reflect current investment levels.

Leaks backlog by council

	Sustainable backlog	Current backlog
WCC	133	220
HCC	110	116
UHCC	44	80
PCC	38	104

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

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