

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



| 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 |

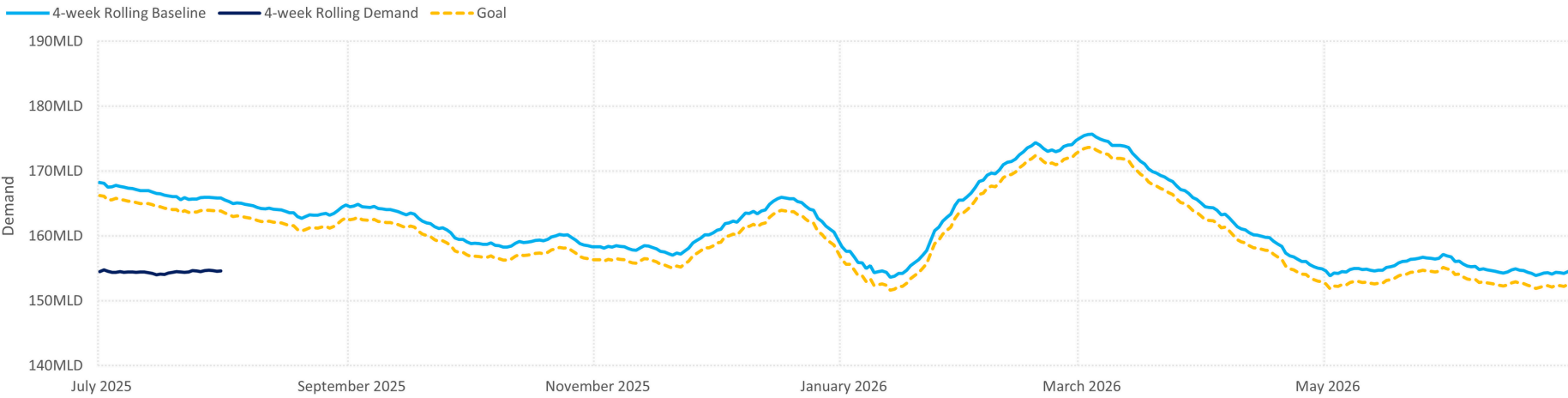


Water demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Demand (MLD)

Regional Metro Reduction Target -2MLD

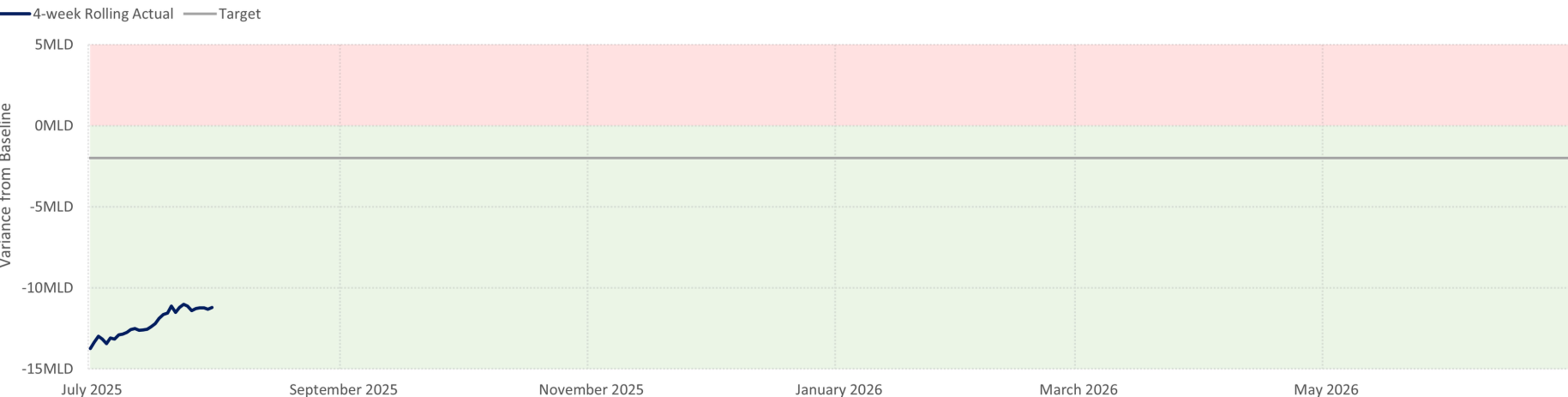
The graph below measures demand as an indication of our progress towards achieving the 2 million litres per day (MLD) demand reduction needed to reduce the risk of an acute water shortage/water restriction level 4 for the Wellington Metropolitan Region. The dark blue line demand refers to water that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