

Acute Water Shortage Risk Reduction

Update to Taumata Arowai

August 2024



Our water, our future.

Wellington Wellington Water - update to Taumata Arowai schedule

Records	Category	Breakdown	Frequency	Starting	Ending	Information required	Notes	May-24 WWL Commentary	August-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. 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'.	As per item 8 further in report	COMPLETED 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. Water watch dashboard. Governance summer risk dashboard. Production capacity dashboard. 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.	Progress will be monitored and reported using the 4-week rolling average of total water demand. Refer to Demand Tracker.	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.		We are unable to measure and report at this level with the level of confidence expected by the regulator. See the demand tracker for aggregate data	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.		We are unable to measure and report at this level with the level of confidence expected by the regulator. See the demand tracker for aggregate data	WWL do not normally undertake monthly reporting during July as budget setting is underway with councils. Reporting for July and August traditionally occurs in early September and will be supplied as soon as it is available.
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	Wellington Water is currently working on creating the 2024/25 delivery plans for each council. Once these have been completed we will forward a consolidated summary and this	COMPLETED Wellington Water completed the one-off report for item 7 in the July 2024 report to Taumata Arowai.
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	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	No change from 10th May submission Taumata Arowai is considering a request from WWL to cease reporting for item 11	COMPLETED 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.

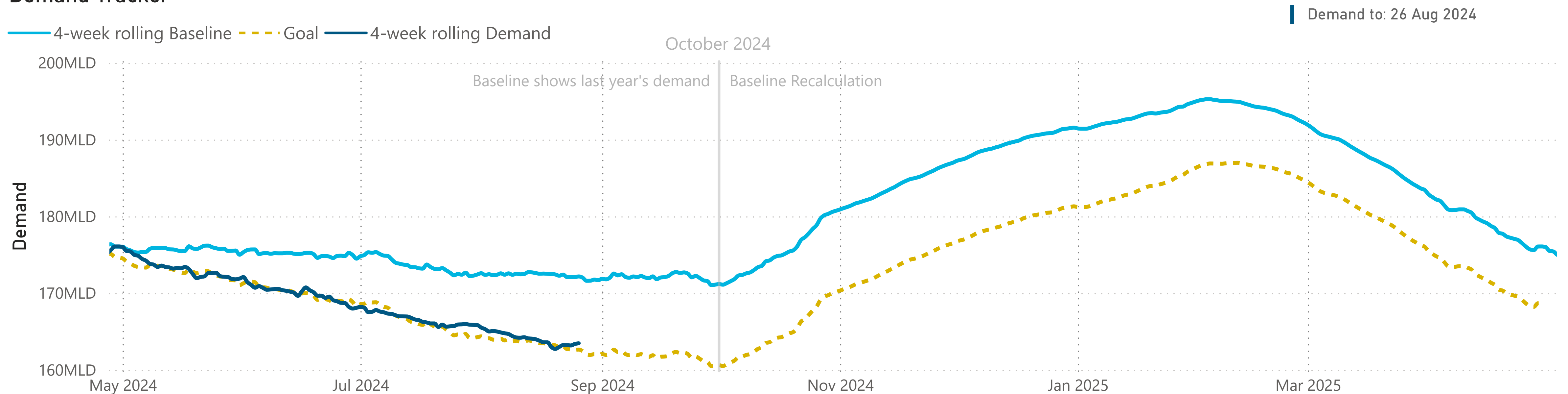
The 7.4MLD demand reduction by February 2025 has been agreed upon by Taumata Arowai, Wellington Water and our council owners as a realistic goal.

'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.

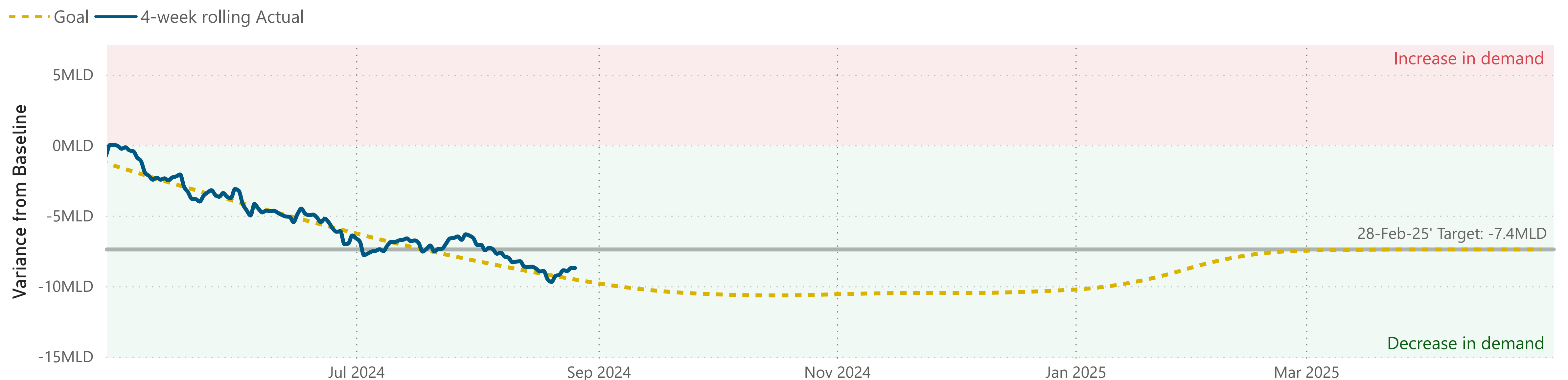
In order to reduce the risk, councils have increased their funding to find and fix more leaks. We are also looking at other operational activities to manage the network and reduce water loss e.g. pressure management.

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.

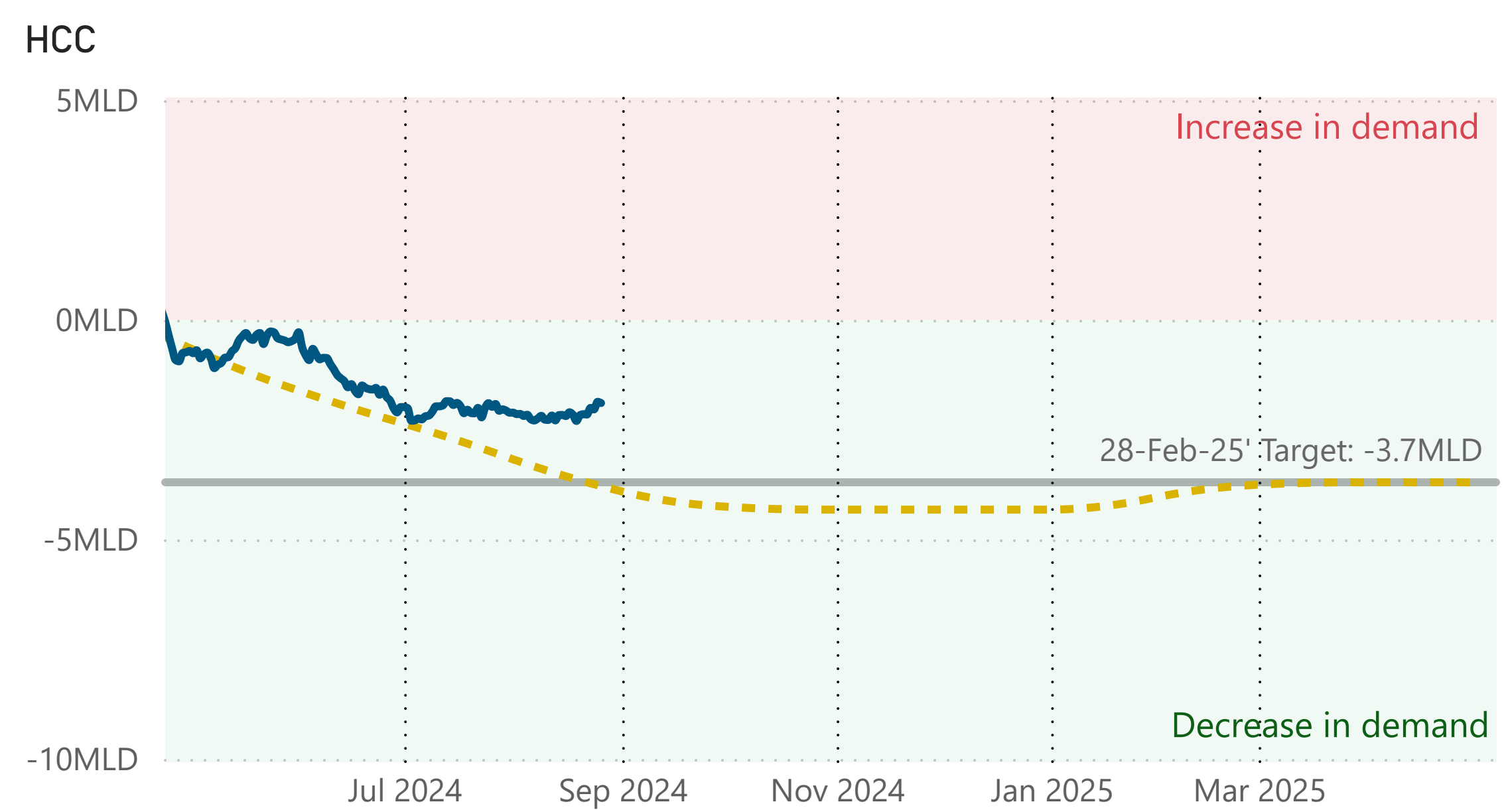
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Council by council

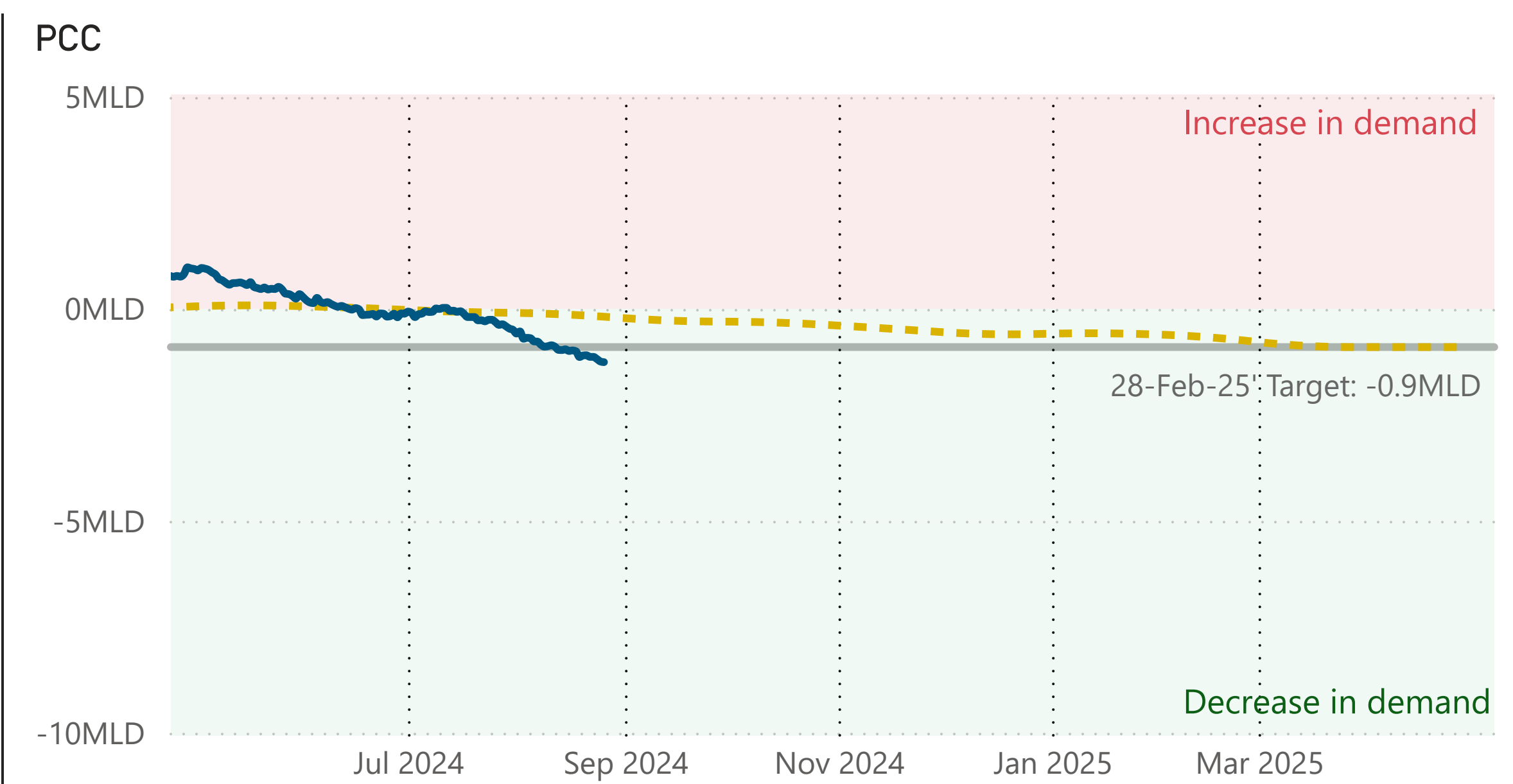
The graphs below track demand reduction, council by council. This is influenced by each council's investment in water loss reduction, activities like pressure management and network calming, and customer use. The yellow dotted line indicates the goal pathway for demand reduction, while the blue line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

Variance Tracker by City

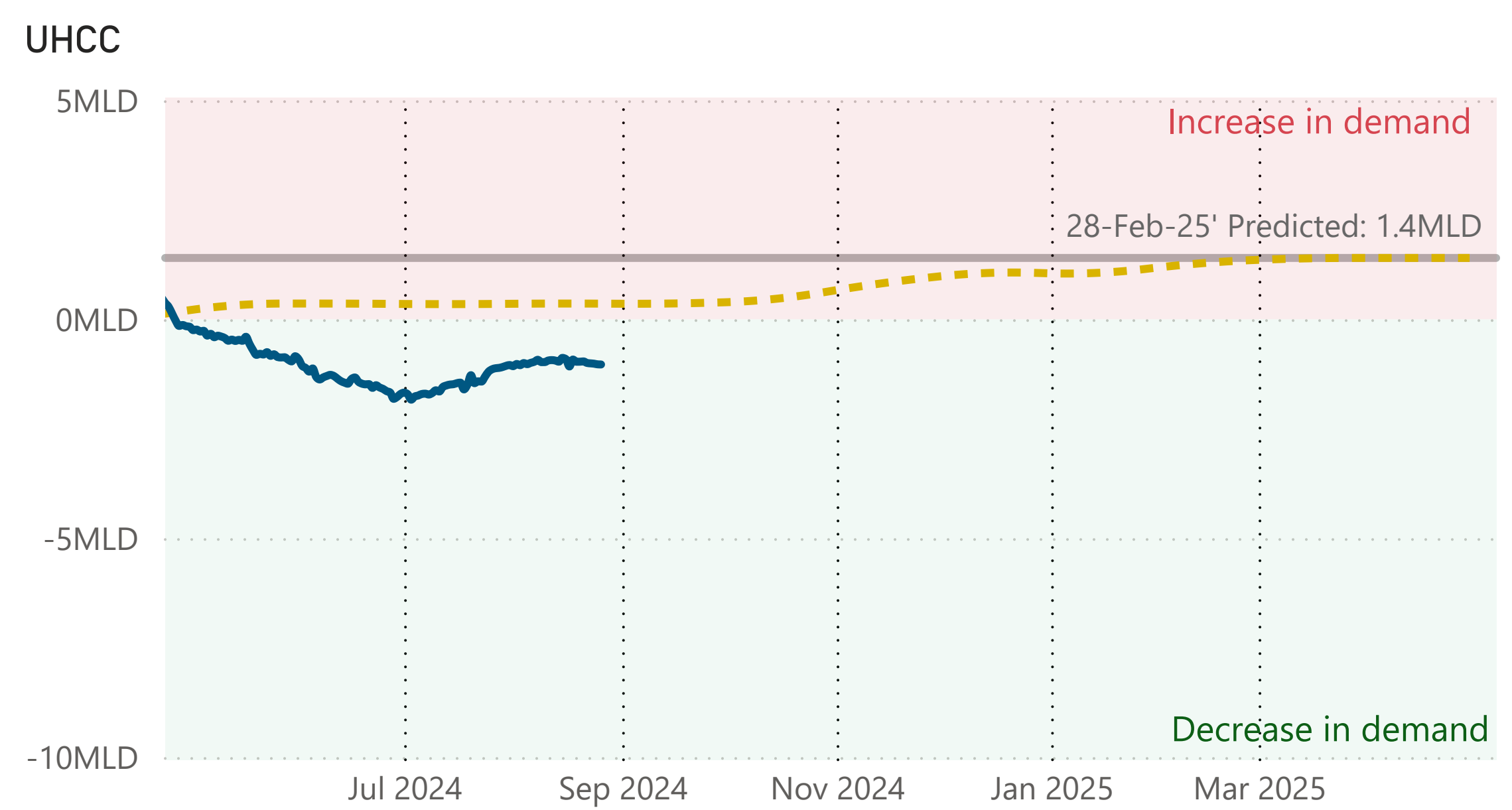
--- Goal — 4-wk rolling Actual



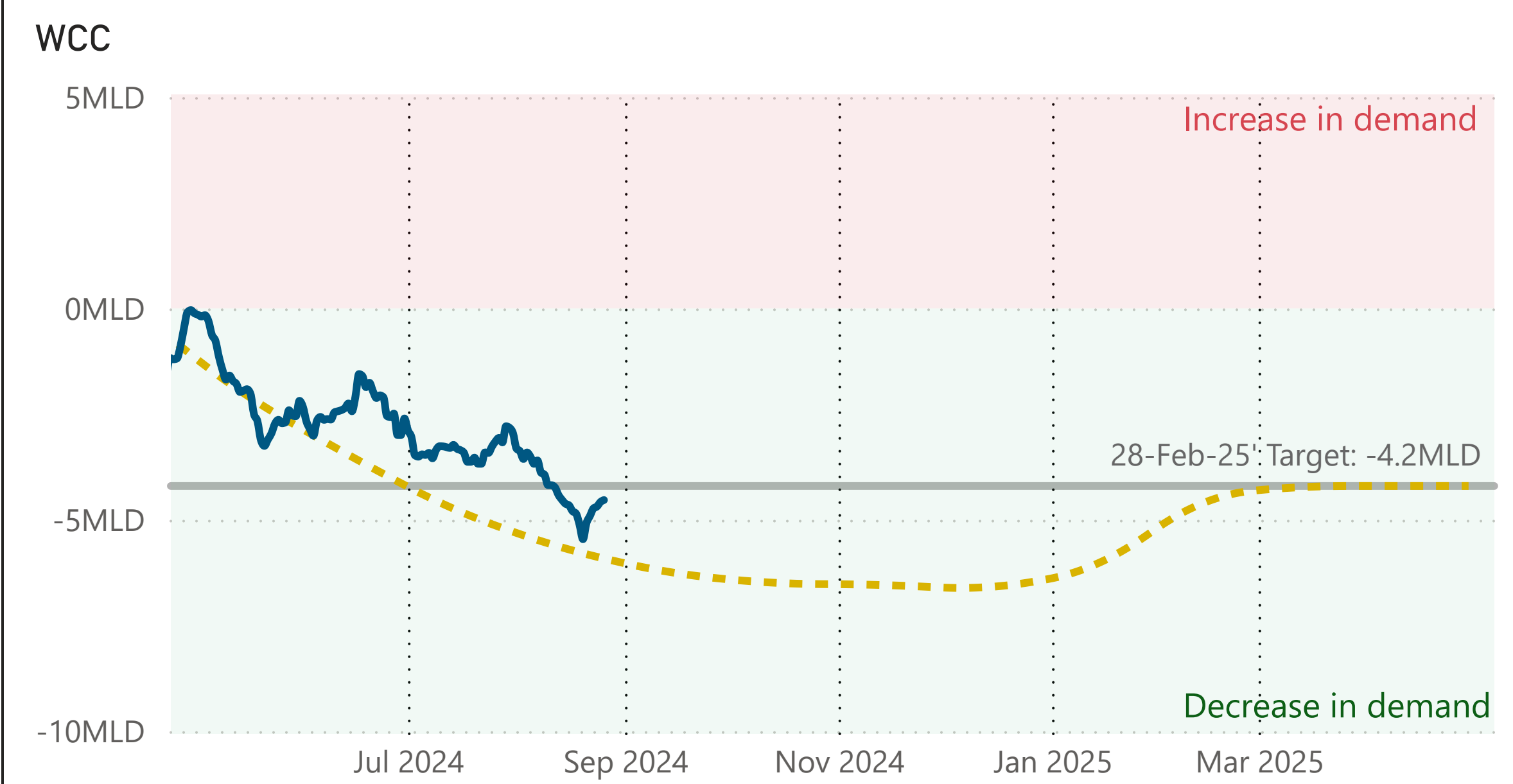
There has been a slowdown in demand reduction which has been caused by a combination of an increased number of leaks and leak repairs being below target. We've also identified a potential issue within some DMAs and are investigating.



While leak repairs have slowed, there have been less leaks reported than in the same period last year. This has helped the region stay below the demand reduction goal.



While the number of leaks reported has increased over the past month, leak repairs are ahead of target. This has helped the region stay below the demand reduction goal.



As leak repairs continue, demand has returned to be inline with the goal excluding a recent spike which has occurred following a major leak repair. We are investigating the cause, and believe it to be related to a valving issue.

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

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 rd 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	