HydroWatch

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A weekly summary relating to New Zealand hydro storage and inflows.
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Storage Summary	South Island Controlled	South Island Uncontrolled	South Island Total	North Island Taupo		Total Storage
Current Storage (GWh)	**2,787**	**369**	**3,155**	**524**		**3,679**
Storage Change (GWh)	-60	-2	-61	1		-60

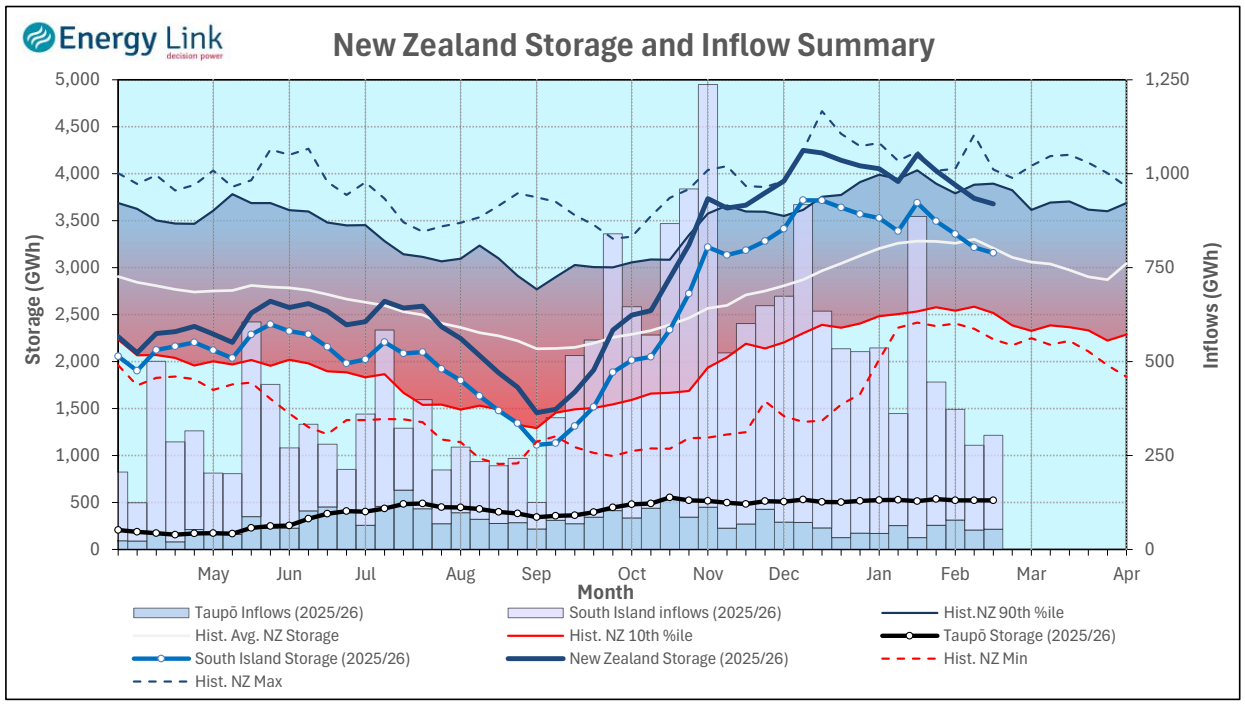
Note: SI Controlled; Takapō, Pūkaki and Hāwea: SI Uncontrolled; Manapōuri, Te Anau, Wānaka, Wakatipu

Transpower Security of Supply	South Island	North Island		New Zealand
Current Storage (GWh)	**3,070**	**524**		**3,594**

Note: These figures are provided to align with Transpower's Security of Supply reporting methodology. Variance from Transpower values is due to differences in generation efficiencies and contingent storage volumes.

New Zealand Summary

Total storage decreased 60 GWh over the last week. South Island controlled storage decreased 2.1% to 2,787 GWh; South Island uncontrolled storage decreased 1% to 369 GWh; with Taupō storage increasing 0.2% to 524 GWh.



Thursday, 12 February 2026	Manapōuri	Clutha	Waitaki	Waikato		NZ
Storage (GWh)						
This Week	**283**	**367**	**2,505**	**524**		**3,679**
Last Week	273	382	2,562	522		3,739
% Change	3.8%	-3.9%	-2.2%	0.2%		-1.6%
Inflow (GWh)						
This Week	**95**	**42**	**113**	**54**		**304**
Last Week	49	40	137	52		277
% Change	92.4%	5.5%	-17.2%	4.3%		9.5%

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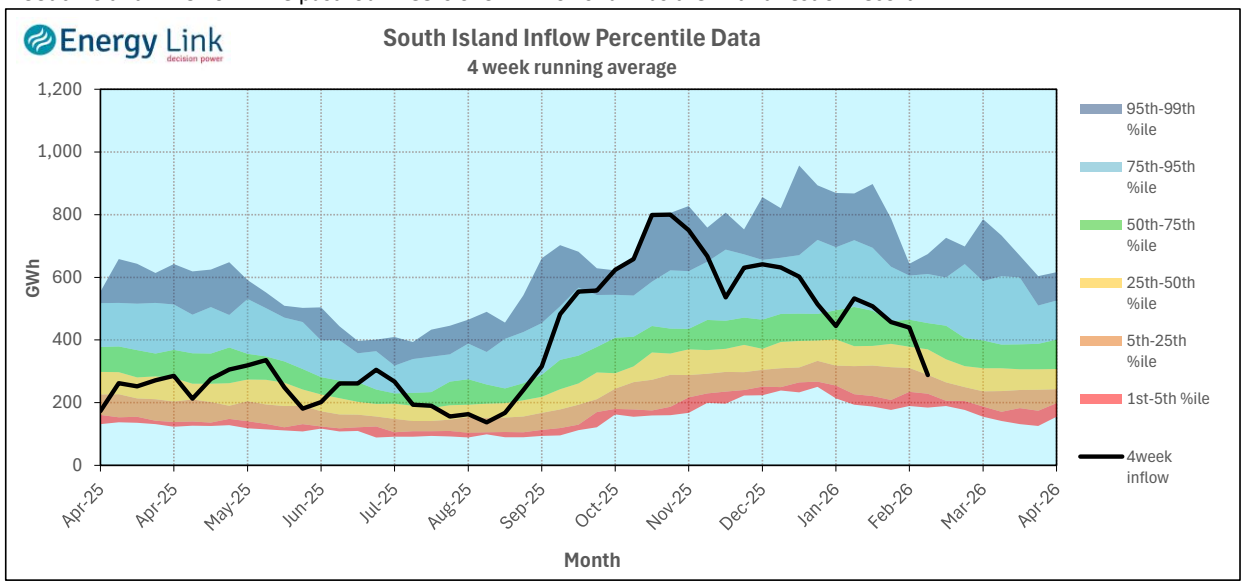
Lake Levels and Outflows

Catchment	Lake	Level (m. asl)	Storage (GWh)	Outflow (cumecs)	Outflow Change
Manapōuri	Manapōuri	177.79	114	17	0
	Te Anau	201.99	169		
Clutha	Wakatipu	309.80	41	155	-23
	Wānaka	276.97	44	158	-29
	Hāwea	345.64	282	50	2
Waitaki	Takapō	709.18	711		
	Pūkaki	532.11	1,794		
Waikato	Taupō	357.13	524		

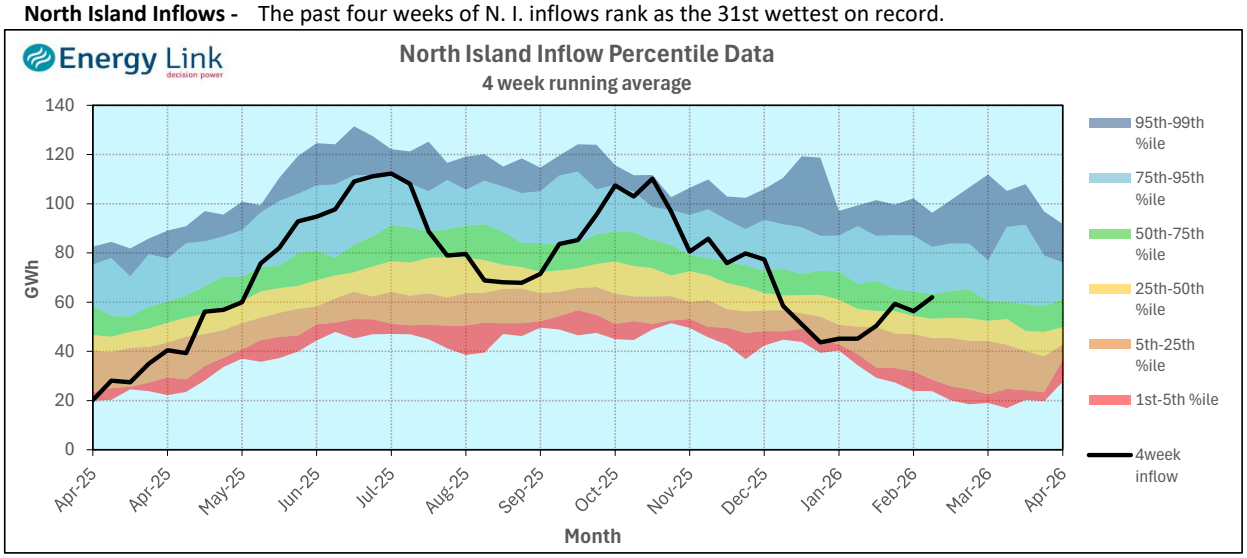
Inflow Summary

The two charts below represent where current inflows are in relation to historic inflow patterns. The percentile values have been calculated using all inflows since 1931.

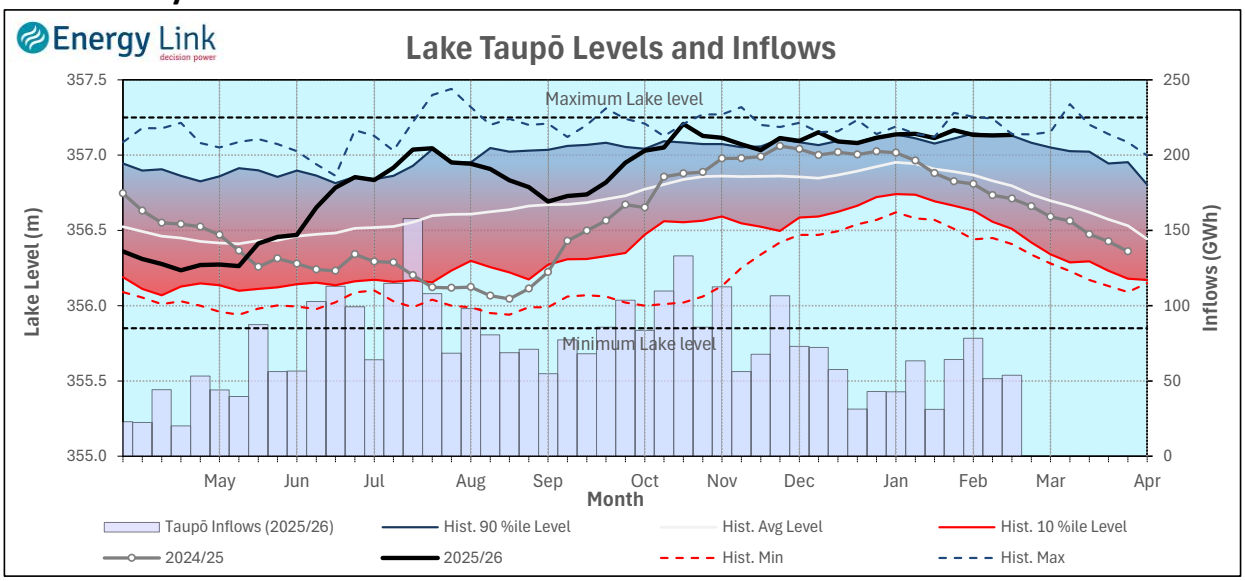
South Island Inflows - The past four weeks of S. I. inflows rank as the 24th driest on record.



North Island Inflows - The past four weeks of N. I. inflows rank as the 31st wettest on record.



Waikato System

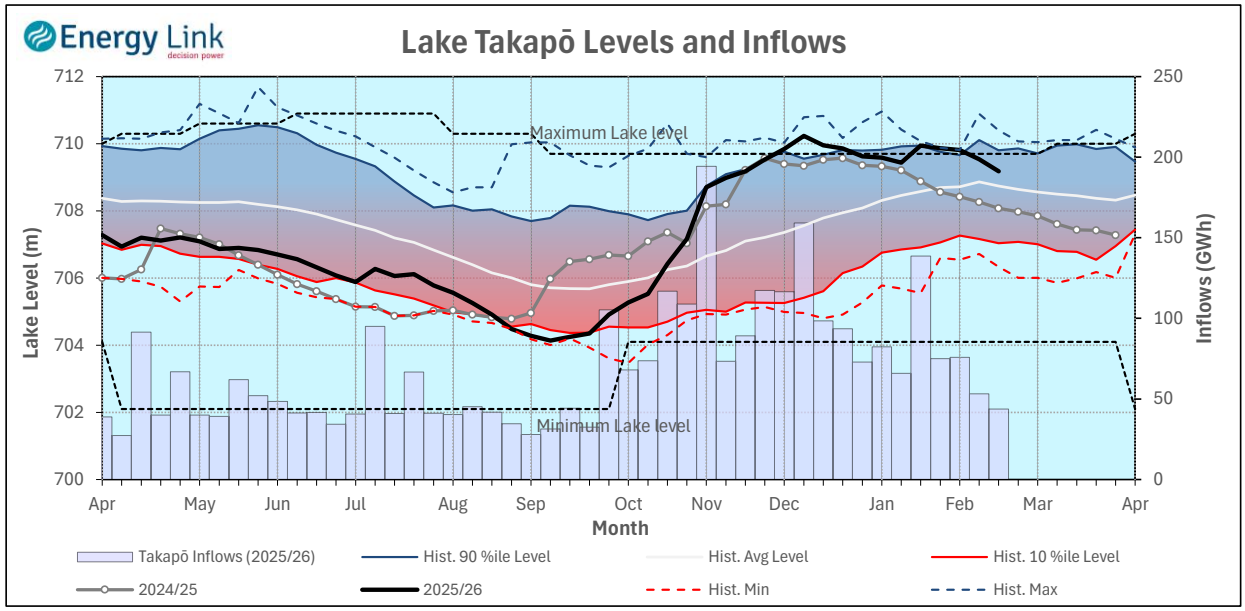


Lake Levels - Lake Taupō storage increased to 91.7% of nominal full at 524 GWh.

Inflows - Inflows increased 4.3% to 54 GWh.

Generation - Average generation increased 14.3% to 375.3 MW.

Takapō



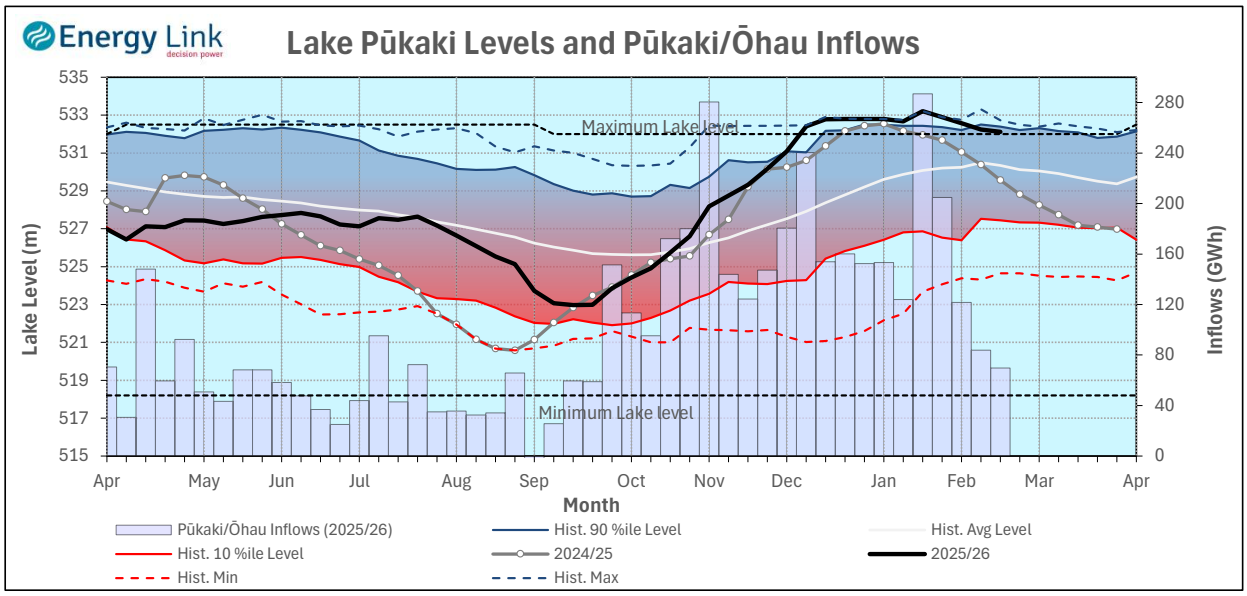
Lake Levels - Lake Takapō ended the week 98% nominally full with storage falling to 711 GWh.

Inflows - Inflows into Takapō decreased 17.6% to 44 GWh.

Generation - Average Takapō generation decreased 0.7% to 176.6 MW.

Hydro Spill - Lake Takapō did not spill.

Waitaki System



Lake Levels - Lake Pūkaki ended the week 101% nominally full with storage falling to 1,794 GWh.

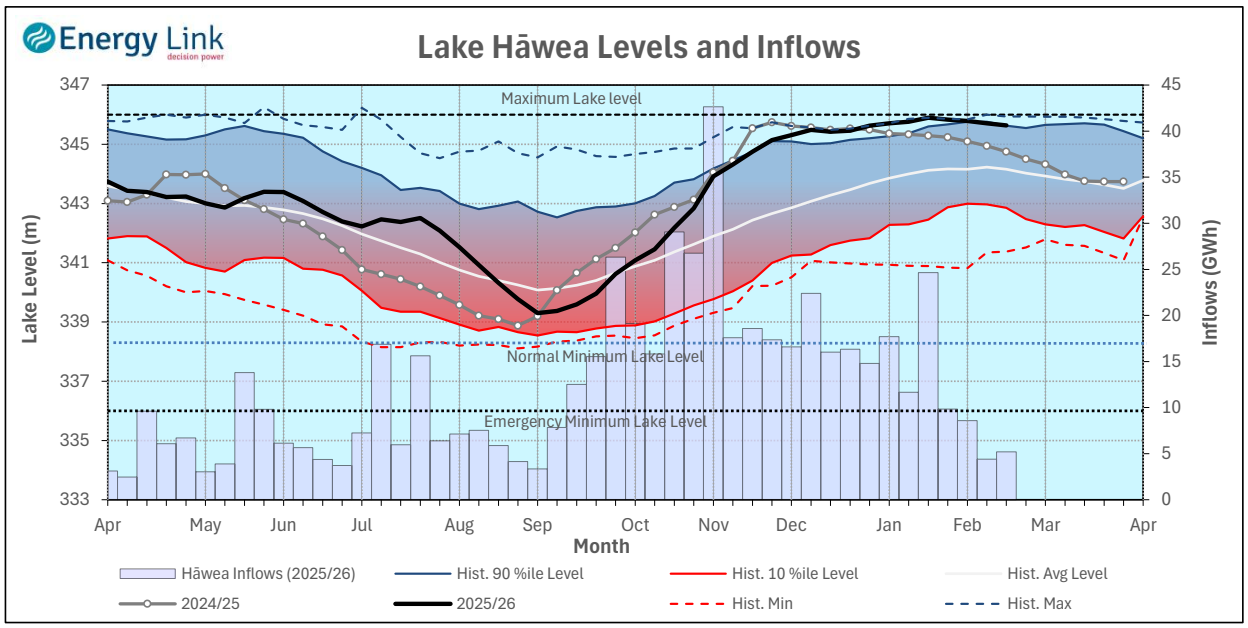
Inflows - Inflows into the Waitaki System decreased 16.9% to 70 GWh.

Generation - Average Waitaki generation decreased 11% to 948 MW.

Hydro Spill - Lake Pūkaki spill was 10.8 cumecs.

River Flows - Flows from the Ahuriri River fell to 19.7 cumecs while Waitaki River flows were lower than last week averaging 401.2 cumecs.

Clutha System



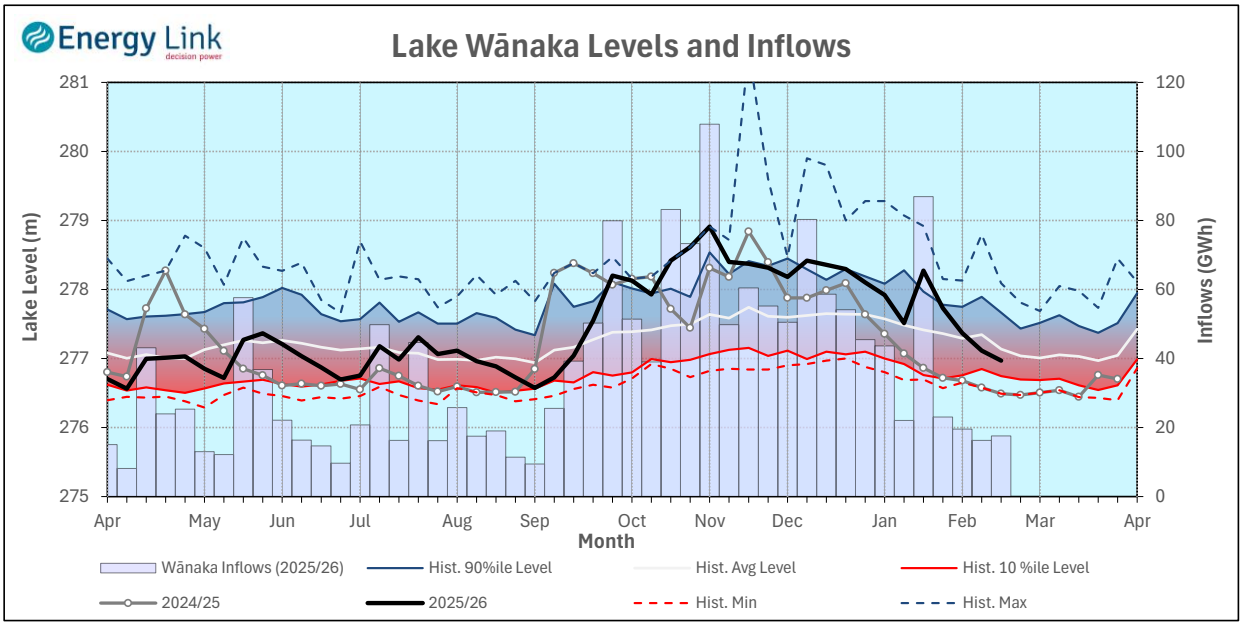
Lake Levels - Total storage for the Clutha System decreased 3.9% to 367 GWh. Lakes Hāwea, Wānaka and Wakatipu ended the week 95.4%, 38.6% and 39% nominally full respectively.

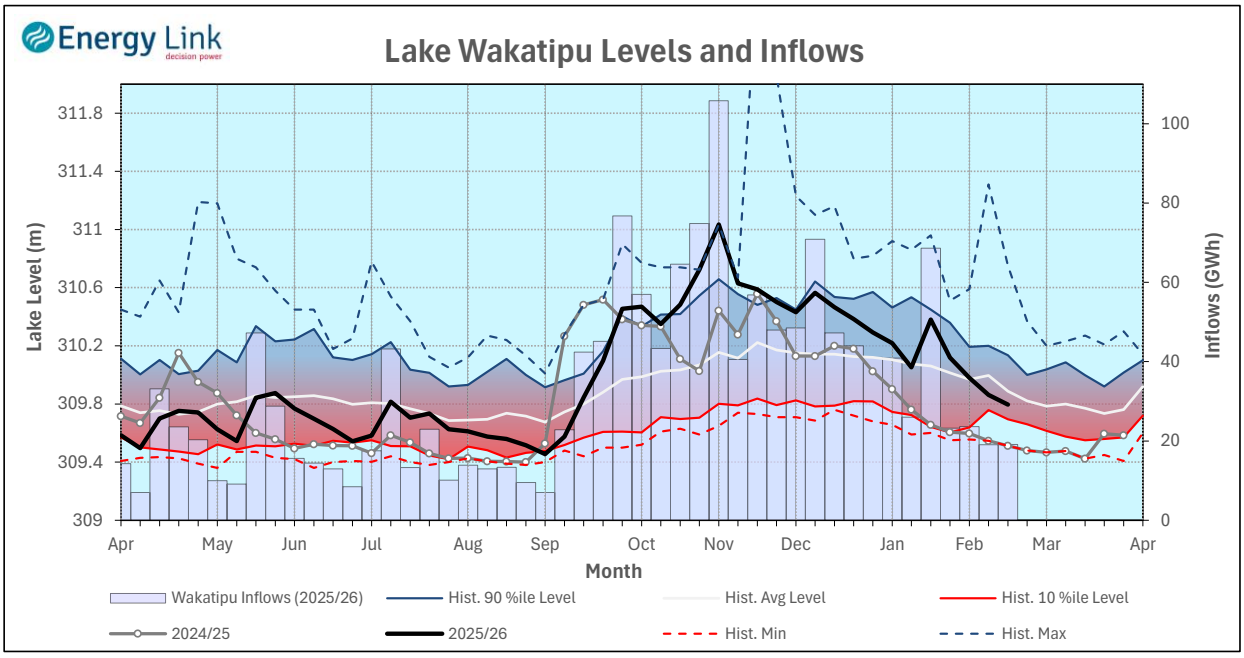
Inflows - Total Inflows into the Clutha System 5.5% higher at 42 GWh.

Generation - Average generation was 42% higher at 344 MW.

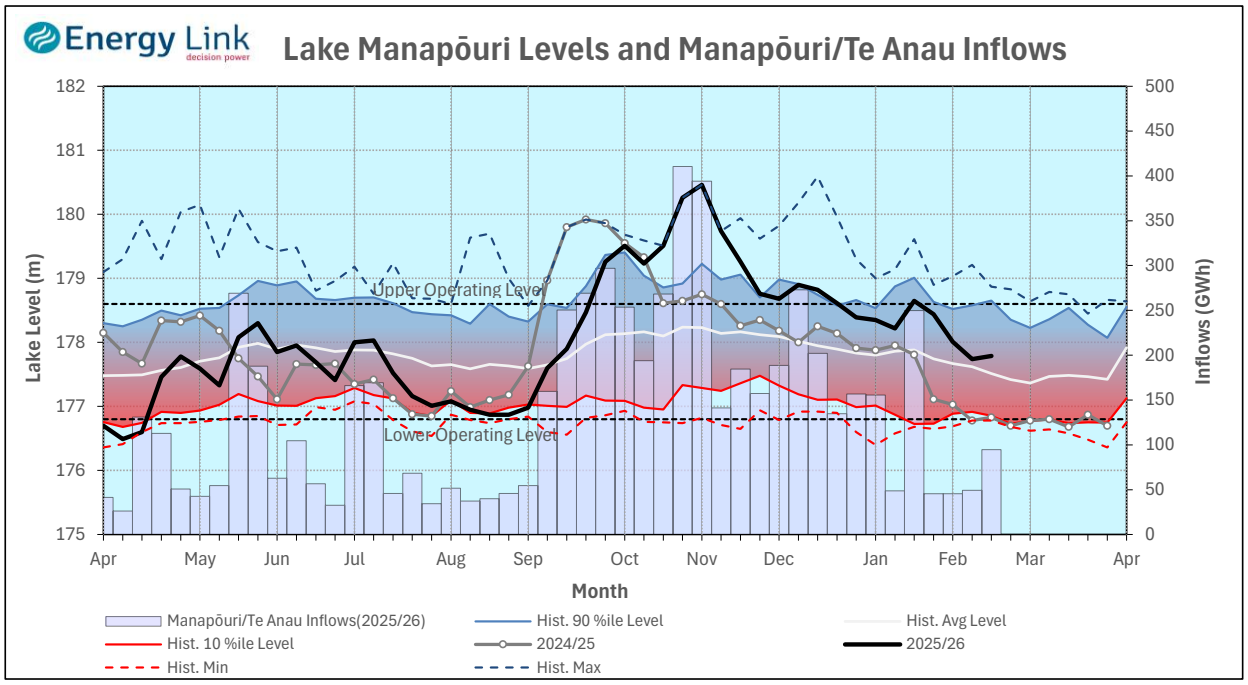
Hydro Spill - Estimate Spill is 10.7 cumecs.

River Flows - Total outflows from the lakes and Shotover River fell to 404.9 cumecs. This comprised of 50 cumecs from Lake Hāwea, 158 cumecs from Lake Wānaka, 155 cumecs from Lake Wakatipu and 42 cumecs from the Shotover River.





Manapōuri System



Lake Levels - Total storage for the Manapōuri System increased by 3.8% to 283 GWh with Lake Manapōuri ending the week 70.2% nominally full and Lake Te Anau ending the week 61.4% nominally full.

Inflows - Total inflows into the Manapōuri System increased 92.4% to 95 GWh.

Generation - Average generation was 4% lower at 501 MW.

Hydro Spill - Estimated spill at the Māraroa Weir was 16.8 cumecs.

Operating Range - Lakes Manapōuri and Te Anau are operating in the middle of their respective 'Main operating range'.