

April 2026

Monthly operating report

April key points

In the month to 11 May 2026, national hydro storage increased from **106%** to **119%** of historical average.

South Island storage increased to **109%** of average and North Island storage increased to **201%** of average by 11 May 2026.

Meridian's April 2026 monthly total inflows were **98%** of historical average.

To date this financial year, total inflows are **121%** of historical average, the 8th highest financial year inflows on record.

Meridian's Waitaki catchment water storage at the end of April 2026 was **106%** of historical average.

Water storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was **91%** of average at the end of April 2026.

A cyclone and a low dominated April, which saw temperatures above average for much of New Zealand. Rainfall was well above normal for the North Island with multiple heavy rain events, whereas much of the South Island recorded near normal rainfall.

National electricity demand in April 2026 was **3.7%** higher than April 2025. Excluding NZAS demand, demand is **2.6%** higher than April 2025.

New Zealand Aluminium Smelters Ltd (NZAS) average load during April 2026 was **575MW**, compared with 522MW a year ago, when Meridian and NZAS had agreed a 50MW demand response reduction from March 2025 to August 2025.

Meridian's retail sales volumes in April 2026 were **8.2%** higher than April 2025.

Compared to April 2025, segment sales volumes in residential were 25.0% higher, small medium business 9.2% higher, large business 11.4% higher, agriculture 6.1% higher and corporate 0.8% higher.

Market data

National electricity demand in April 2026 was 3.7% higher than April 2025.

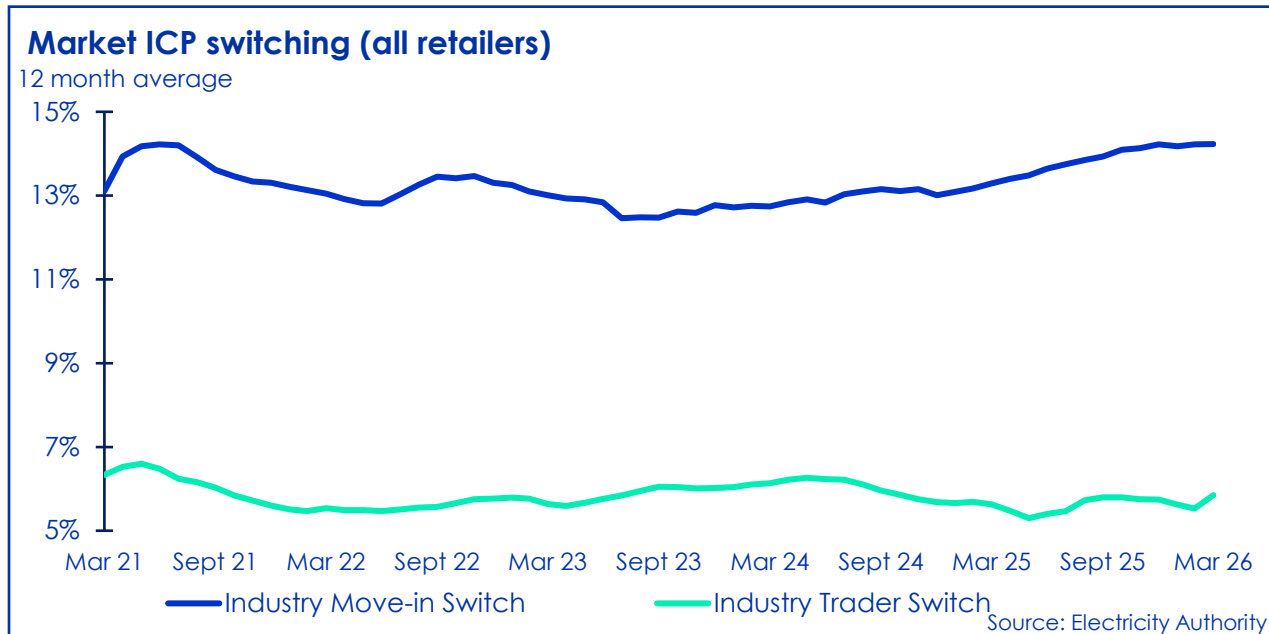
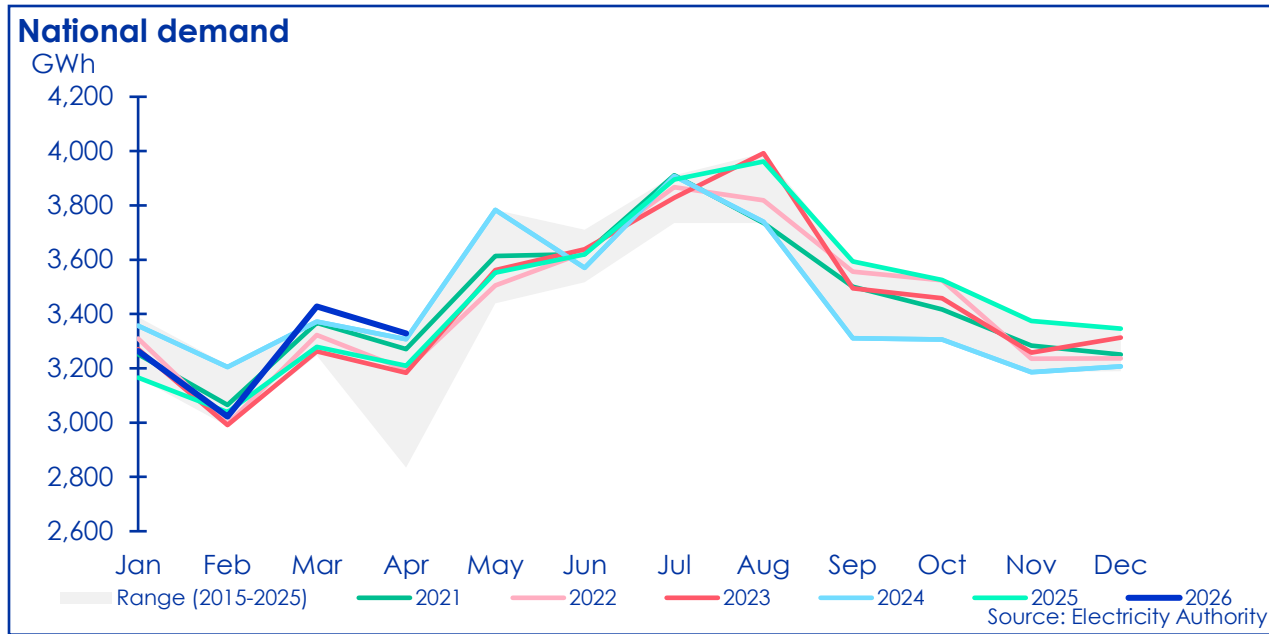
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Demand in the last 12 months was 3.0% higher than the preceding 12 months.

12-month average switching rate of customers changing retailers but not moving (“trader” switch) was 5.9% at the end of March 2026.

12-month average switching rate of customers moving and changing retailers (“move-in” switch) was 14.2% at the end of March 2026.



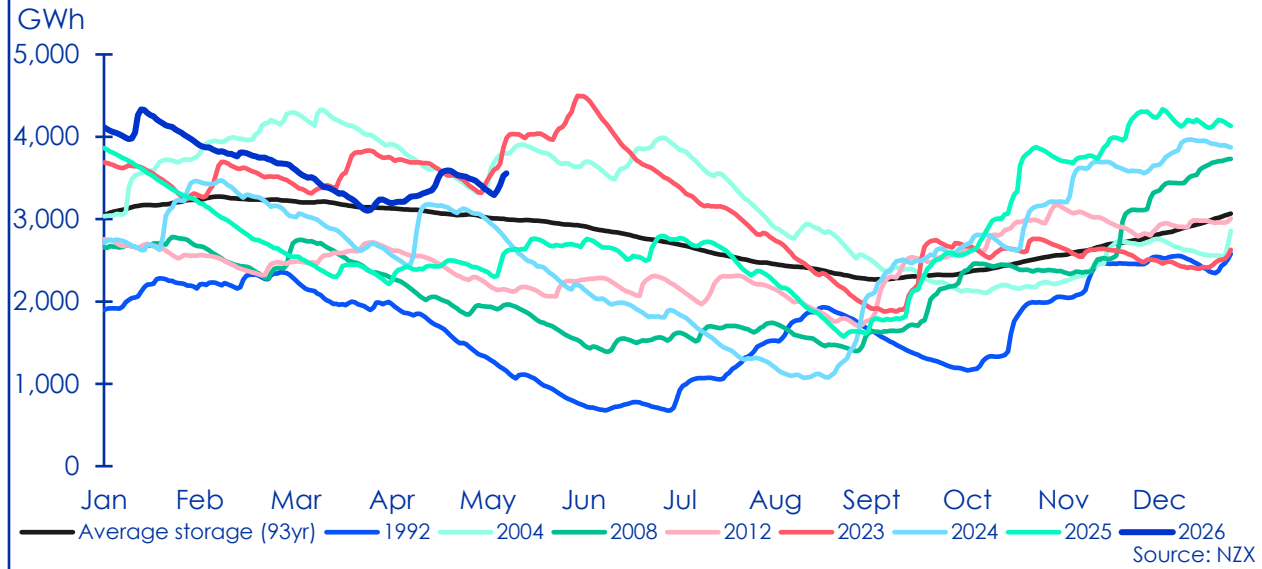
Market data

April 2026 saw further decreases in the ASX electricity futures prices.

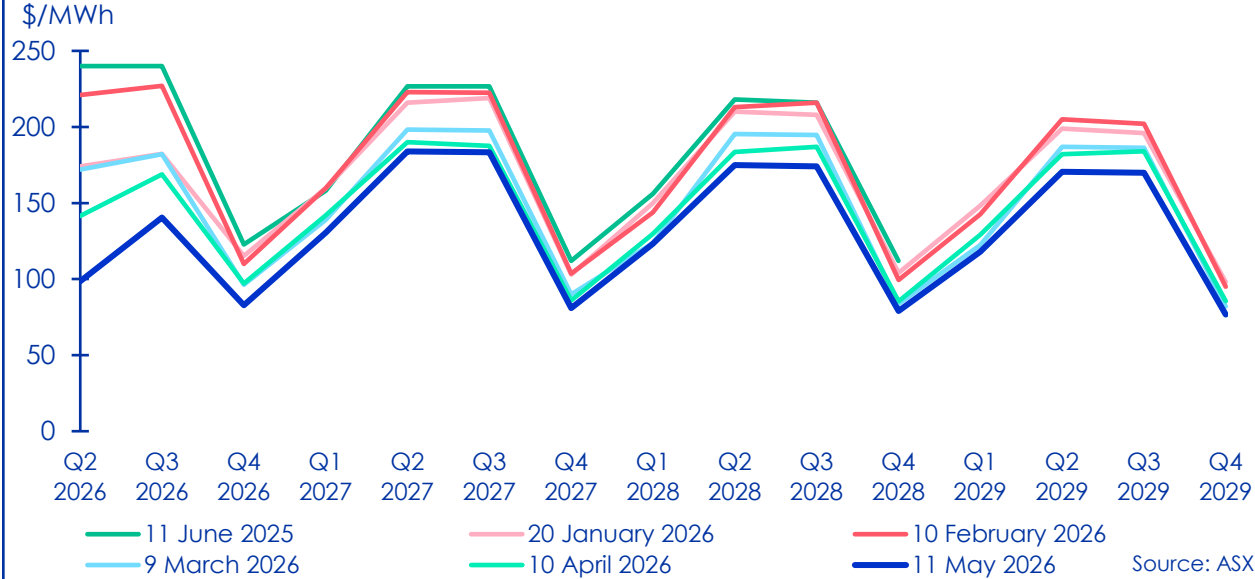
National storage increased from 106% of average on 13 April 2026 to 119% of average on 11 May 2026.

South Island storage increased to 109% of historical average by 11 May 2026 and North Island storage increased to 201% of average.

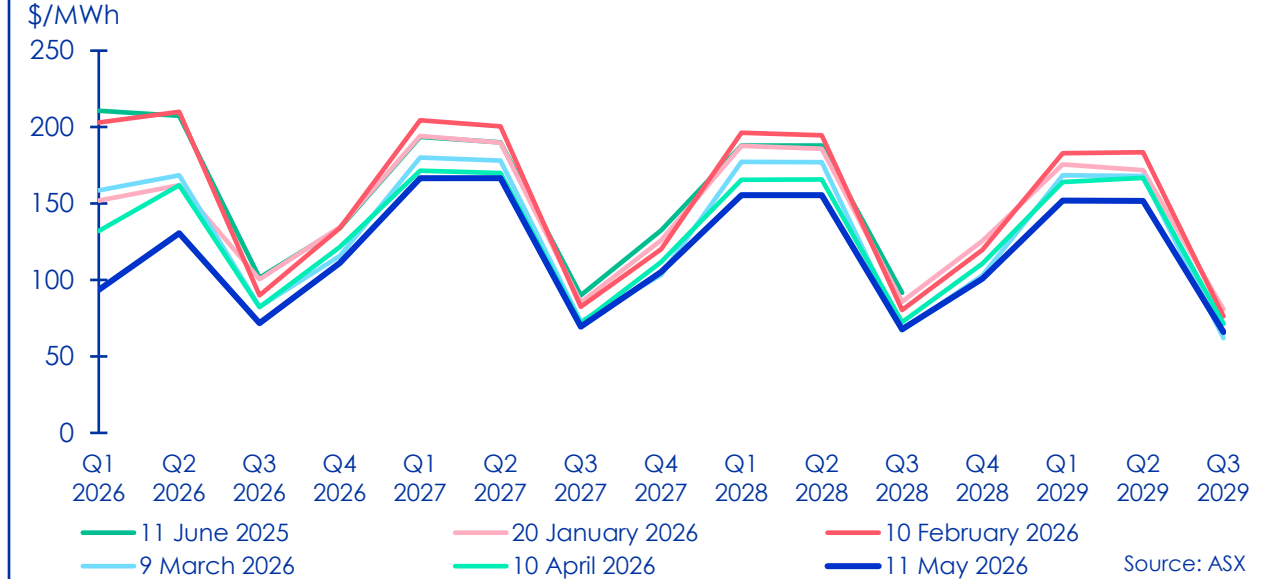
National hydro storage (11 May 2026)



Ōtāhuhu ASX futures settlement price



Benmore ASX futures settlement price



Retail

Meridian's customer connection numbers decreased 1.1% during April 2026 and have increased 15.7% in the last 12 months.

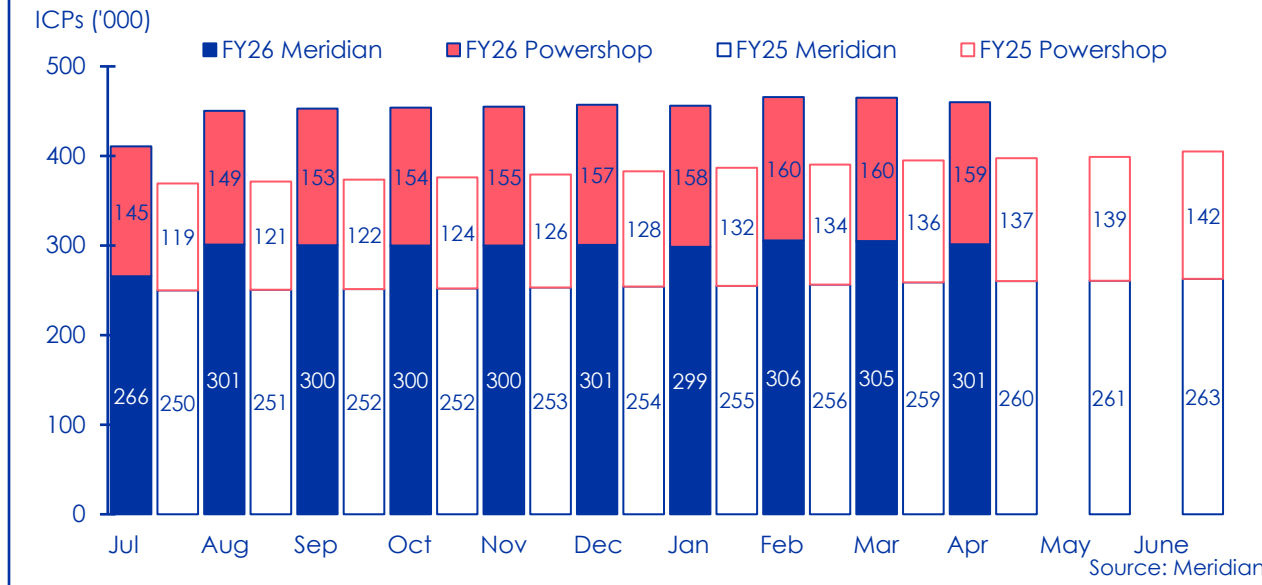
Retail sales volumes in April 2026 were 8.2% higher than April 2025.

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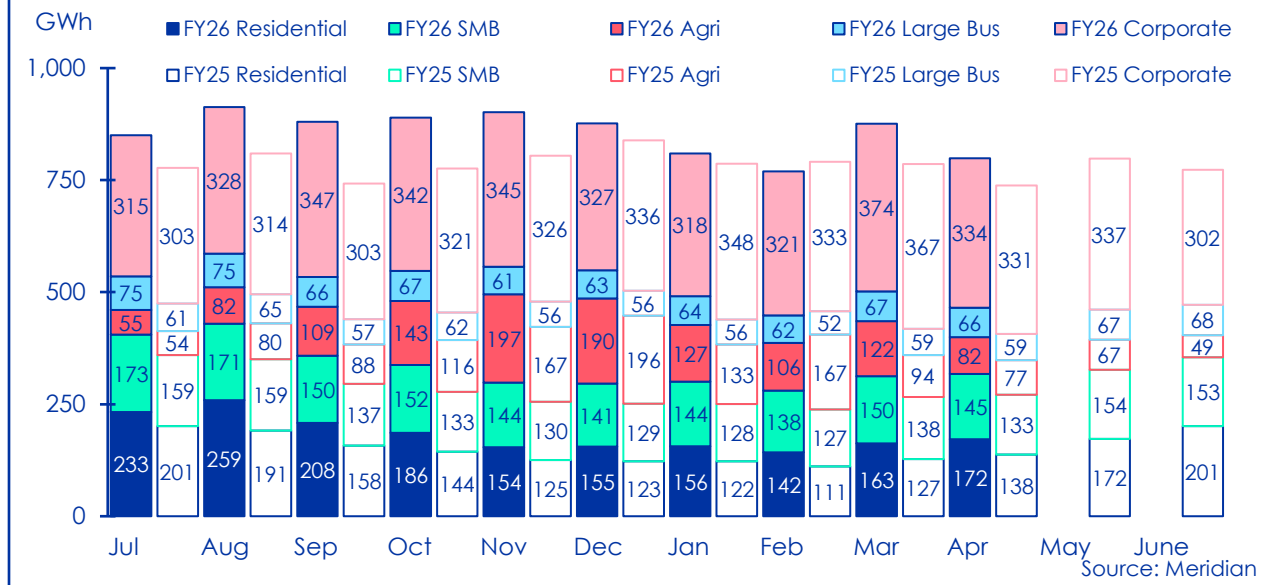
To date this financial year, retail sales volumes are 9.1% higher than the same period last year.

Compared to last financial year to date, segment sales in residential are 26.9% higher, small medium business 9.7% higher, large business 14.2% higher, agriculture 3.6% higher and corporate 2.1% higher.

Meridian's customer connections



Meridian's retail sales volume*



Inflows and storage

April 2026 monthly total inflows were 98% of historical average.

Waiau catchment inflows in April 2026 were 92% of historical average, 14% higher than the same month last year.

To date this financial year, total inflows are 121% of historical average, the 8th highest financial year inflows on record.

Waitaki catchment water storage moved from 1,840GWh to 1,888GWh during April 2026.

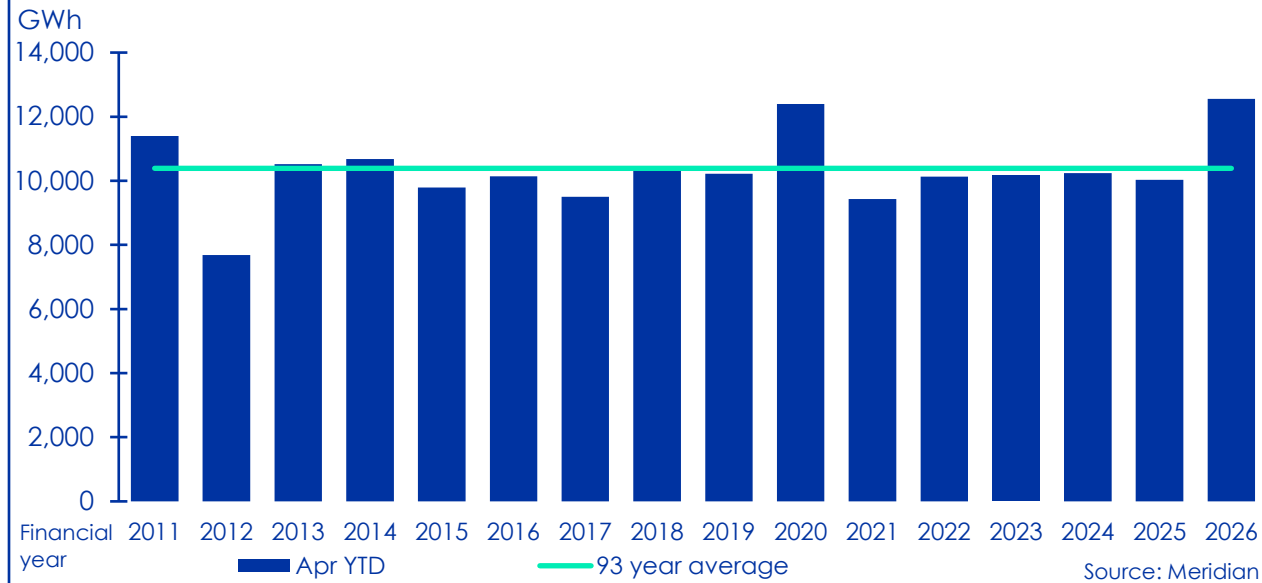
Waitaki water storage at the end of April 2026 was 106% of historical average and 34% higher than the same time last year.

Water storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was 91% of average at the end of April 2026.

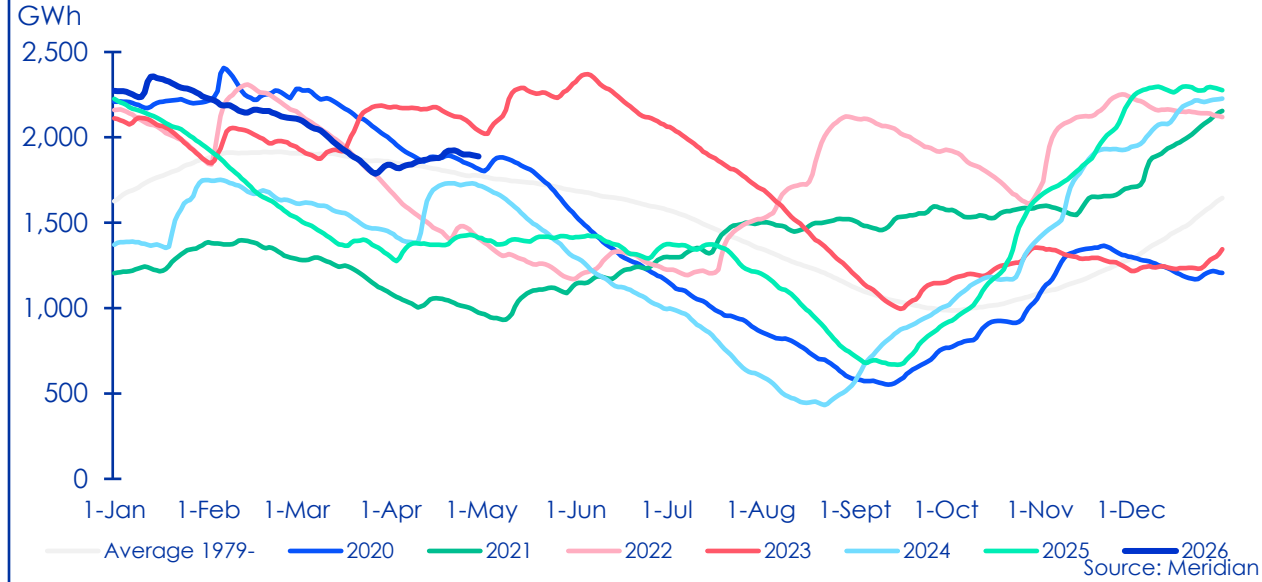
Weekly lake storage updates are available on Meridian's website. See comparative lake levels at: www.meridianenergy.co.nz/power-stations/lake-levels



Meridian's combined catchment inflows



Meridian's Waitaki storage



Generation

Meridian's generation in April 2026 was 13.5% higher than the same month last year, reflecting higher hydro generation and lower wind generation.

To date this financial year, Meridian's generation is 14.2% higher than the same period last year, reflecting higher hydro generation and higher wind generation.

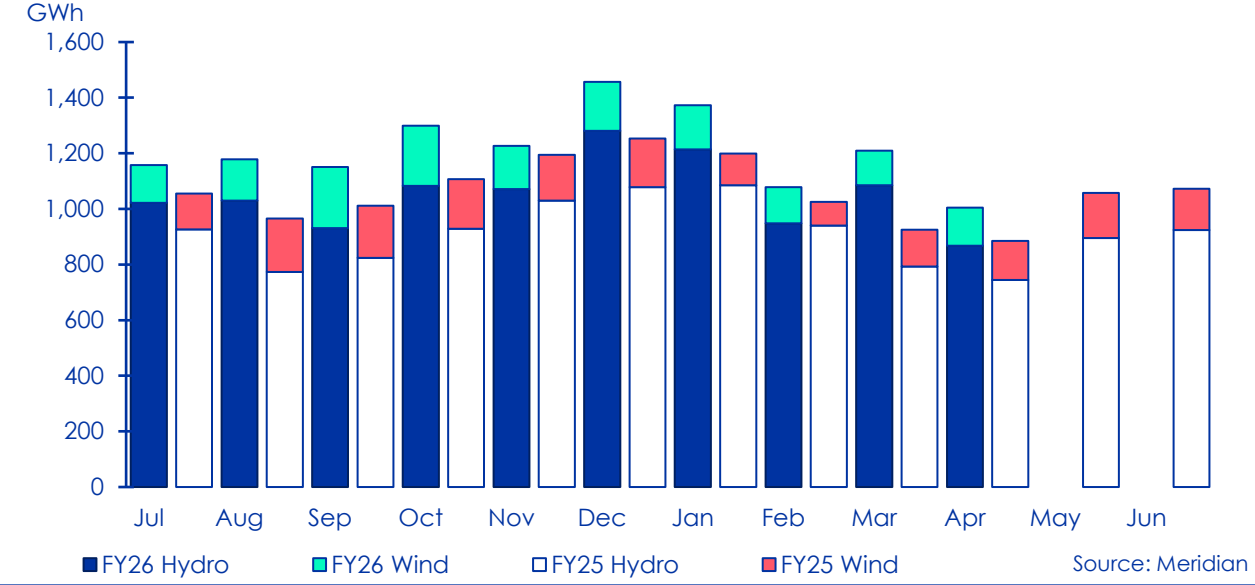
The average price Meridian received for its generation in April 2026 was 69.8% lower than the same month last year.

The average price Meridian paid to supply customers in April 2026 was 67.9% lower than the same month last year.

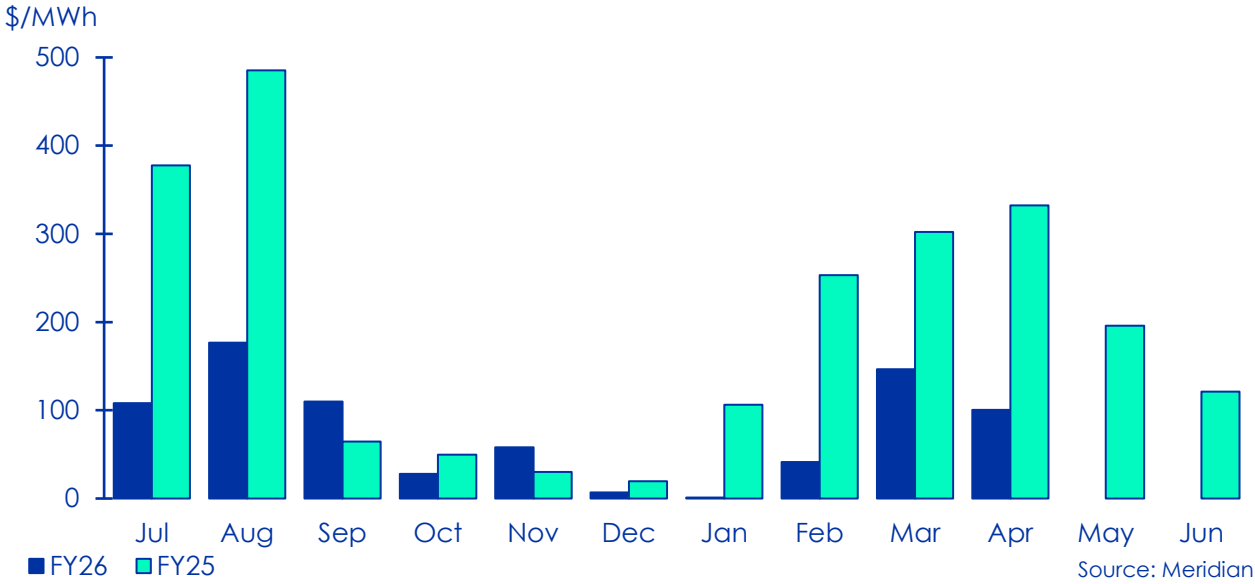
To date this financial year, the average price Meridian received for its generation is 60.6% lower than the same period last year and the average price paid to supply customers is 61.0% lower.

*price received for Meridian's physical generation

Meridian's generation



Meridian's average generation price*



Monthly operating information

	APRIL 2026 MONTH	APRIL 2025 MONTH	MARCH 2026 MONTH	FEBRUARY 2026 MONTH	10 MONTHS TO APRIL 2026	10 MONTHS TO APRIL 2025
Retail contracted sales						
Residential sales volume (GWh)	172	138	163	142	1,828	1,440
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	145	133	150	138	1,508	1,375
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	82	77	122	106	1,213	1,171
Large business sales volume (GWh)	66	59	67	62	666	583
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	334	331	374	321	3,351	3,282
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	799	738	876	770	8,565	7,851
Average retail contracted sales price ¹ (\$/MWh)	\$169.2	\$161.6	\$155.4	\$151.2	\$157.2	\$148.5
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	272	236	280	253	2,732	2,634
Financial contract sales volumes ² (GWh)	343	281	523	394	3,717	2,738
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price ³ (\$/MWh)	\$116.3	\$132.7	\$92.6	\$86.6	\$95.0	\$99.6
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	843	776	917	801	9,015	8,265
Cost to supply retail customers (\$/MWh)	\$105.2	\$334.8	\$154.2	\$49.6	\$85.8	\$212.1
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$/MWh)	\$105.2	\$345.1	\$151.7	\$39.2	\$78.3	\$211.2
Cost of financial contracts (\$/MWh)	\$107.8	\$326.1	\$111.4	\$40.7	\$77.9	\$214.8
BESS supply volume (GWh)	5	2	4	4	31	3
Cost to supply BESS (\$/MWh)	\$64.0	\$327.0	\$118.5	\$29.4	\$51.4	\$0.0
Demand response payments (\$m)	-\$1.9	-\$10.7	-\$2.0	-\$1.9	-\$24.4	-\$122.7
Total New Zealand customer connections ⁴	459,998	397,551	464,985	465,780		

Monthly operating information

	APRIL 2026 MONTH	APRIL 2025 MONTH	MARCH 2026 MONTH	FEBRUARY 2026 MONTH	10 MONTHS TO APRIL 2026	10 MONTHS TO APRIL 2025
Generation						
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	868	745	1,085	949	10,533	9,123
Wind generation volume (GWh)	137	141	124	130	1,600	1,498
BESS generation volume (GWh)	4	1	2	3	20	1
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,009	887	1,211	1,082	12,153	10,622
Average generation price ⁵ (\$/MWh)	\$100.5	\$332.3	\$146.5	\$41.3	\$74.3	\$188.6
Hedging						
Hedging volume ⁶ (GWh)	424	453	460	460	4,474	4,140
Hedging cost average price (\$/MWh)	\$187.4	\$203.4	\$139.9	\$142.6	\$163.6	\$180.4
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$/MWh)	\$107.2	\$313.0	\$143.5	\$50.3	\$84.1	\$213.8
Future contract close outs (\$m)	\$0.5	\$0.3	-\$3.6	-\$0.9	-\$8.3	-\$32.6
Costs						
Employee and Operating Costs (\$m)	25	26	25	22	247	239
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	7	6	7	9	60	53
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	20	14	18	17	121	95
Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)	27	20	25	26	181	148

Footnotes

1. Contracted sales volumes and volume weighted average price received from contracted customers less distribution costs.
2. Derivatives sold excluding the sell-side of virtual asset swaps.

3. Average price of both NZAS sales volume and derivative sales volumes.
4. Meridian Retail and Powershop New Zealand installation control points (ICPs), excluding vacants.
5. Volume weighted average price received for Meridian's physical generation.
6. Over the counter and ASX contract volumes excluding the buy-side of virtual asset swaps.

FY26 operating information

	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Q1 FY26	YoY change	Q2 FY26	YoY change	Q3 FY26	YoY change	Q4 FY26	YoY change
Retail contracted sales																				
Residential sales volume (GWh)	233	259	208	186	154	155	156	142	163	172			700	+150	495	+104	461	+100		
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	173	171	150	152	144	141	144	138	150	145			494	+38	436	+44	432	+39		
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	55	82	109	143	197	190	127	106	122	82			246	+25	530	+51	355	-39		
Large business sales volume (GWh)	75	75	66	67	61	63	64	62	67	66			215	+32	192	+18	193	+26		
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	315	328	347	342	345	327	318	321	374	334			989	+70	1,015	+33	1,013	-35		
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	850	913	880	890	902	876	809	770	876	799			2,644	+314	2,668	+248	2,455	+91		
Average retail contracted sales price (\$/MWh)	\$172.4	\$172.5	\$171.0	\$144.3	\$142.3	\$143.8	\$150.5	\$151.2	\$155.4	\$169.2			\$171.9	+\$9.6	\$143.4	+\$8.7	\$152.5	+\$7.5		
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	267	276	271	280	271	280	280	253	280	272			814	-8	832	-10	814	+79		
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	418	349	291	321	314	432	332	394	523	343			1,058	+335	1,067	+453	1,249	+128		
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$/MWh)	\$117.1	\$116.4	\$111.4	\$75.8	\$76.7	\$71.9	\$87.8	\$86.6	\$92.6	\$116.3			\$115.1	-\$6.6	\$74.6	+\$4.0	\$89.3	-\$5.4		
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	892	949	925	953	958	927	849	801	917	843			2,766	+322	2,838	+285	2,568	+77		
Cost to supply retail customers (\$/MWh)	\$113.3	\$184.4	\$119.3	\$36.4	\$69.3	\$14.0	\$3.6	\$49.6	\$154.2	\$105.2			\$139.7	-\$189.3	\$40.2	-\$1.7	\$71.7	-\$161.9		
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$/MWh)	\$102.2	\$186.2	\$112.2	\$26.8	\$52.8	\$4.9	\$1.9	\$39.2	\$151.7	\$105.2			\$134.0	-\$202.4	\$27.9	-\$2.1	\$65.1	-\$170.9		
Cost of financial contracts (\$/MWh)	\$105.1	\$171.5	\$117.5	\$32.7	\$58.2	\$16.5	\$13.3	\$40.7	\$111.4	\$107.8			\$130.4	-\$199.9	\$33.6	-\$6.6	\$63.0	-\$144.9		
BESS supply volume (GWh)	1	2	3	4	4	3	2	4	4	5			5	+5	11	+11	10	+8		
Cost to supply BESS (\$/MWh)	\$86.5	\$138.1	\$73.7	\$11.1	\$30.6	\$14.3	\$0.9	\$29.4	\$118.5	\$64.0			\$95.1	+\$0.0	\$19.3	+\$0.0	\$55.4	-\$249.5		
Demand response payments (\$m)	-\$5.4	-\$3.1	-\$1.9	-\$2.5	-\$1.9	-\$1.9	-\$2.0	-\$1.9	-\$2.0	-\$1.9			-\$10.4	+\$38.3	-\$6.3	+\$34.5	-\$5.3	+\$17.2		
Total New Zealand customer connections	410,865	450,317	452,970	454,057	455,035	457,336	456,274	465,780	464,985	459,998			452,970	+79,300	457,336	+74,628	464,985	+70,034		
Generation																				
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,022	1,030	931	1,083	1,072	1,281	1,214	949	1,085	868			2,982	+458	3,435	+398	3,248	+430		
Wind generation volume (GWh)	135	148	220	217	155	176	158	130	124	137			504	-5	548	+30	412	+81		
BESS generation volume (GWh)	0	1	2	2	3	2	1	3	2	4			3	+3	7	+7	6	+6		
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,157	1,179	1,153	1,302	1,229	1,459	1,373	1,082	1,211	1,008			3,490	+457	3,990	+436	3,666	+516		
Average generation price (\$/MWh)	\$108.1	\$176.6	\$109.9	\$28.0	\$57.9	\$6.8	\$1.1	\$41.3	\$146.5	\$100.5			\$131.8	-\$174.3	\$29.5	-\$3.0	\$61.0	-\$150.5		
Hedging																				
Hedging volume (GWh)	473	472	437	472	440	420	417	460	460	424			1,382	+48	1,332	+320	1,336	-5		
Hedging cost average price (\$/MWh)	\$215.9	\$218.2	\$213.7	\$127.0	\$122.2	\$125.0	\$139.5	\$142.6	\$139.9	\$187.4			\$216.0	+\$5.6	\$124.8	-\$31.2	\$140.7	-\$20.5		
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$/MWh)	\$107.4	\$174.2	\$115.7	\$36.4	\$67.3	\$18.7	\$8.0	\$50.3	\$143.5	\$107.2			\$132.9	-\$162.7	\$41.0	-\$4.6	\$69.2	-\$156.5		
Future contract close outs (\$m)	-\$0.7	-\$1.0	-\$2.3	\$0.4	\$2.4	-\$1.5	-\$1.6	-\$0.9	-\$3.6	\$0.5			-\$4.0	\$21.5	\$3.1	-\$4.4	-\$6.1	\$9.9		
Costs																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$m)	24	24	27	26	25	26	22	22	25	25			\$76	-\$4	\$77	+\$9	\$69	+\$3		
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	3	5	9	5	5	5	5	9	7	7			\$18	+\$4	\$16	-\$5	\$20	+\$7		
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	11	11	4	6	11	10	13	17	18	20			\$26	-\$7	\$27	-\$10	\$48	+\$36		
Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)	14	16	13	11	16	15	18	25	25	28			\$43	-\$3	\$42	-\$15	\$68	+\$44		

FY25 operating information

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Retail contracted sales																					
Residential sales volume (GWh)	201	191	158	144	125	123	122	111	127	138	172	201	550	-5	392	-1	361	+4	511	+17	
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	159	159	137	133	130	129	128	127	138	133	154	153	456	-1	393	-1	393	+0	441	+15	
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	54	80	88	116	167	196	133	167	94	77	67	49	221	-20	479	+25	394	-160	194	-31	
Large business sales volume (GWh)	61	65	57	62	56	56	56	52	59	59	67	68	183	+9	174	+19	167	+5	193	+23	
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	303	314	303	321	326	336	348	333	367	331	337	302	920	-69	983	-12	1,048	+53	970	+40	
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	777	810	743	776	805	839	787	791	786	738	798	773	2,330	-87	2,419	+31	2,363	-98	2,309	+65	
Average retail contracted sales price (\$/MWh)	\$162.4	\$162.9	\$161.6	\$136.9	\$135.2	\$132.3	\$143.2	\$141.5	\$149.8	\$161.6	\$171.4	\$165.6	\$162.3	+\$12.7	\$134.8	+\$5.7	\$144.9	+\$7.6	\$166.3	+\$8	
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	327	261	233	265	275	303	249	239	247	236	243	241	821	-441	842	-421	735	-510	720	-512	
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	295	222	206	192	210	212	396	318	407	281	319	281	723	-357	614	-70	1,121	+368	881	-20	
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$/MWh)	\$128.9	\$127.5	\$105.2	\$76.6	\$70.9	\$65.0	\$86.6	\$94.3	\$103.0	\$132.7	\$131.8	\$119.5	\$121.7	+\$43.9	\$70.6	+\$12.1	\$94.7	+\$21.9	\$128.1	+38	
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	813	866	766	818	858	877	835	834	821	776	825	809	2,444	-117	2,554	+7	2,491	-93	2,409	+51	
Cost to supply retail customers (\$/MWh)	\$382.7	\$487.4	\$93.0	\$62.8	\$36.6	\$27.6	\$123.8	\$269.8	\$308.7	\$334.8	\$214.8	\$131.8	\$329.0	+\$196.4	\$41.9	-\$110.0	\$233.6	+\$43.4	\$225.6	-51	
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$/MWh)	\$388.9	\$509.9	\$68.2	\$49.3	\$23.3	\$19.2	\$117.1	\$269.1	\$324.0	\$345.1	\$205.2	\$121.2	\$336.4	+\$218.7	\$30.0	-\$105.0	\$236.0	+\$60.0	\$222.9	-33	
Cost of financial contracts (\$/MWh)	\$375.3	\$494.8	\$91.1	\$63.5	\$33.8	\$25.8	\$111.8	\$233.2	\$281.8	\$326.1	\$209.0	\$126.6	\$330.9	+\$211.4	\$40.3	-\$92.2	\$207.9	+\$31.6	\$220.1	-36	
BESS supply volume (GWh)									1	2	2	1					1	+1	4	+4	
Cost to supply BESS (\$/MWh)									\$304.8	\$327.0	\$178.2	\$133.2					\$304.8	\$304.8	\$235.0	\$235.0	
Demand response payments (\$m)	-\$4.7	-\$19.1	-\$25.0	-\$18.7	-\$13.2	-\$8.8	-\$7.3	-\$5.0	-\$10.3	-\$10.7	-\$10.7	-\$18.3	-\$48.7	-\$48.7	-\$40.7	-\$40.7	-\$22.5	-\$22.5	-\$39.7	-\$39.7	
Total New Zealand customer connections	369,376	371,479	373,670	376,126	379,348	382,708	386,645	390,314	394,951	397,551	399,077	405,072	373,670	+8,217	382,708	+10,908	394,951	+21,619	405,072	+35,405	
Generation																					
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	927	773	825	929	1,030	1,079	1,086	940	792	745	895	925	2,524	-682	3,037	+15	2,818	-125	2,564	-391	
Wind generation volume (GWh)	129	192	187	179	164	174	113	85	133	141	163	148	509	+147	517	+159	332	-36	452	+99	
BESS generation volume (GWh)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1	0	-	+0	-	+0	0	+0	2	+2	
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,056	965	1,012	1,107	1,194	1,253	1,199	1,025	925	886	1,058	1,073	3,033	-535	3,554	+174	3,149	-161	3,018	-290	
Average generation price (\$/MWh)	\$376.2	\$483.8	\$63.8	\$49.8	\$29.9	\$19.6	\$106.3	\$253.1	\$302.1	\$332.4	\$196.0	\$121.0	\$306.2	+\$187.2	\$32.5	-\$103.8	\$211.6	+\$34.7	\$209.4	-\$47.7	
Hedging																					
Hedging volume (GWh)	451	451	432	403	277	331	416	433	492	453	422	379	1,334	-168	1,011	-347	1,341	-105	1,253	-223	
Hedging cost average price (\$/MWh)	\$174.5	\$226.1	\$231.4	\$196.2	\$134.2	\$125.3	\$150.7	\$162.1	\$169.3	\$203.4	\$201.7	\$200.6	\$210.4	+\$72.6	\$156.0	+\$46.9	\$161.2	+\$28.3	\$202.0	+\$54.0	
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$/MWh)	\$346.6	\$451.9	\$79.1	\$61.2	\$34.7	\$35.9	\$124.8	\$245.7	\$293.4	\$313.0	\$204.2	\$126.8	\$295.5	+\$171.5	\$45.6	-\$103.1	\$225.7	+\$39.0	\$220.1	-\$37.7	
Future contract close outs (\$m)	-\$13.0	-\$13.7	\$2.3	\$6.9	\$0.4	\$0.1	-\$5.7	-\$5.9	-\$4.4	\$0.3	-\$2.0	-\$0.6	-\$24.4	-43.0	\$7.4	+8.0	-\$16.0	-\$16.6	-\$2.2	\$4.7	
Costs																					
Employee and Operating Costs (\$m)	26	25	30	21	23	23	20	21	25	26	24	26	\$80	+\$11	\$68	-\$3	\$65	-\$1	\$76	-\$0	
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	4	6	4	7	8	6	1	4	8	6	8	19	\$14	+\$0	\$20	+\$4	\$13	-\$10	\$33	+\$13	
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	12	9	11	11	8	18	5	4	1	14	3	17	\$32	-\$18	\$37	-\$46	\$10	-\$74	\$33	-\$26	
Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)	16	15	15	18	16	24	7	8	9	20	11	36	\$46	-\$18	\$57	-\$42	\$24	-\$83	\$66	-\$13	

Glossary

Hedging volumes	buy-side electricity derivatives excluding the buy-side of virtual asset swaps
Average generation price	the volume weighted average price received for Meridian's physical generation
Average retail contracted sales price	volume weighted average electricity price received from retail customers, less distribution costs
Average wholesale contracted sales price	volume weighted average electricity price received from wholesale customers (including NZAS) and financial contracts
Combined catchment inflows	combined water inflows into Meridian's Waitaki and Waiau hydro storage lakes
Cost of hedges	volume weighted average price Meridian pays for derivatives acquired
Cost to supply contracted sales	volume weighted average price Meridian pays to supply contracted customer sales and financial contracts
Contracts for Difference (CFDs)	an agreement between parties to pay the difference between the wholesale electricity price and an agreed fixed price for a specified volume of electricity. CFDs do not result in the physical supply of electricity
Customer connections	number of installation control points, excluding vacants
GWh	gigawatt hour. Enough electricity for 125 average New Zealand households for one year
Historic average inflows	the historic average combined water inflows into Meridian's Waitaki and Waiau hydro storage lakes over the last 85 years
Historic average storage	the historic average level of storage in Meridian's Waitaki catchment since 1979
HVDC	high voltage direct current link between the North and South Islands of New Zealand
ICP	New Zealand installation control points, excluding vacants
ICP switching	the number of installation control points changing retailer supplier, recorded in the month the switch was initiated
MWh	megawatt hour. Enough electricity for one average New Zealand household for 46 days
National demand	Electricity Authority's reconciled grid demand www.emi.ea.govt.nz
NZAS	New Zealand Aluminium Smelters Limited
Retail sales volumes	contract sales volumes to retail customers, including both non half hourly and half hourly metered customers
Financial contract sales	sell-side electricity derivatives excluding the sell-side of virtual asset swaps
Virtual Asset Swaps (VAS)	CFDs Meridian has with Genesis Energy and Mercury New Zealand. They do not result in the physical supply of electricity