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Meridian Energy monthly operating report for August 2025

11 September 2025

Attached is Meridian Energy Limited's monthly operating report for the month of August 2025.

Key points this month include:

- In the month to 8 September 2025, national hydro storage decreased from **87%** to **79%** of historical average.
- South Island storage decreased to **73%** of average and North Island storage decreased to **98%** of average by 8 September 2025.
- Meridian's August 2025 monthly total inflows were **73%** of historical average.
- Waiau catchment inflows in August 2025 were **67%** of historical average.
- Meridian's Waitaki catchment water storage at the end of August 2025 was **65%** of historical average.
- Snow storage in Meridian's Waitaki catchment was **78%** of average in early September 2025.
- Water storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was **84%** of average at the end of August 2025.
- August was a dry and cool month, with both rainfall and temperatures below average for most of the country.
- National electricity demand in August 2025 was **5.9%** higher than August 2024.
- New Zealand Aluminium Smelters (NZAS) average load during August 2025 was **565MW**.
- Meridian's retail sales volumes in August 2025 were **12.8%** higher than August 2024.
- Compared to August 2024, segment sales in residential were 35.3% higher (including Flick customers), small medium business 7.2% higher, large business 14.6% higher, agriculture 2.2% higher and corporate 4.3% higher.

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

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Monthly operating report

August key points

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Market data

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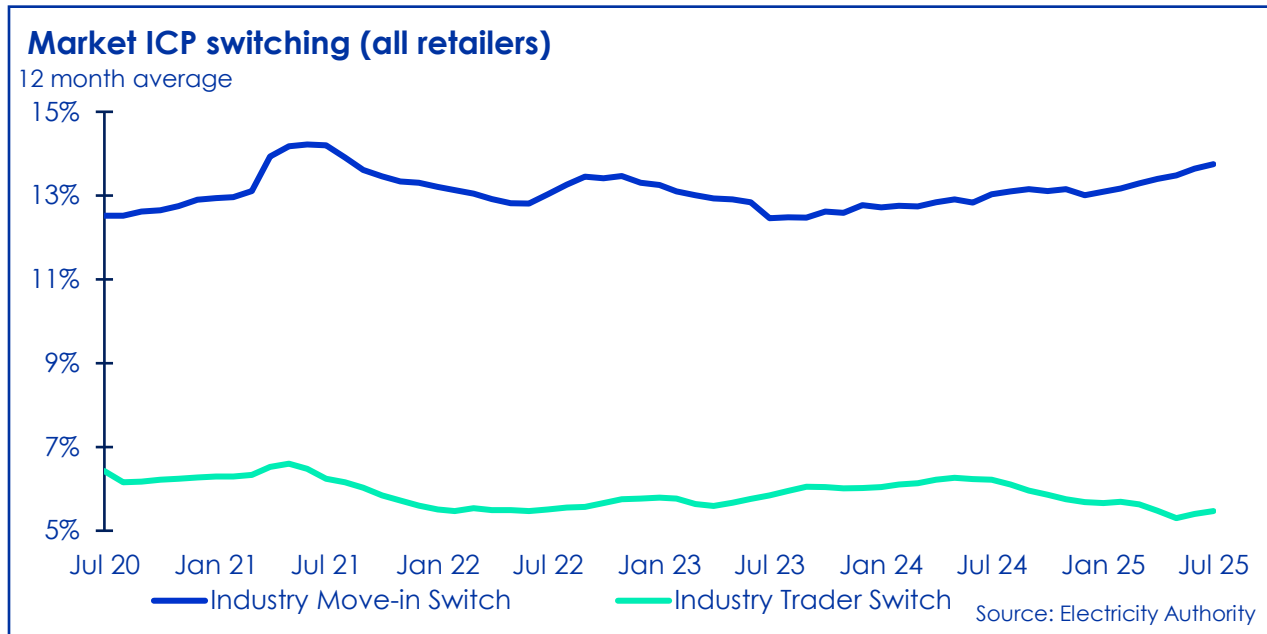
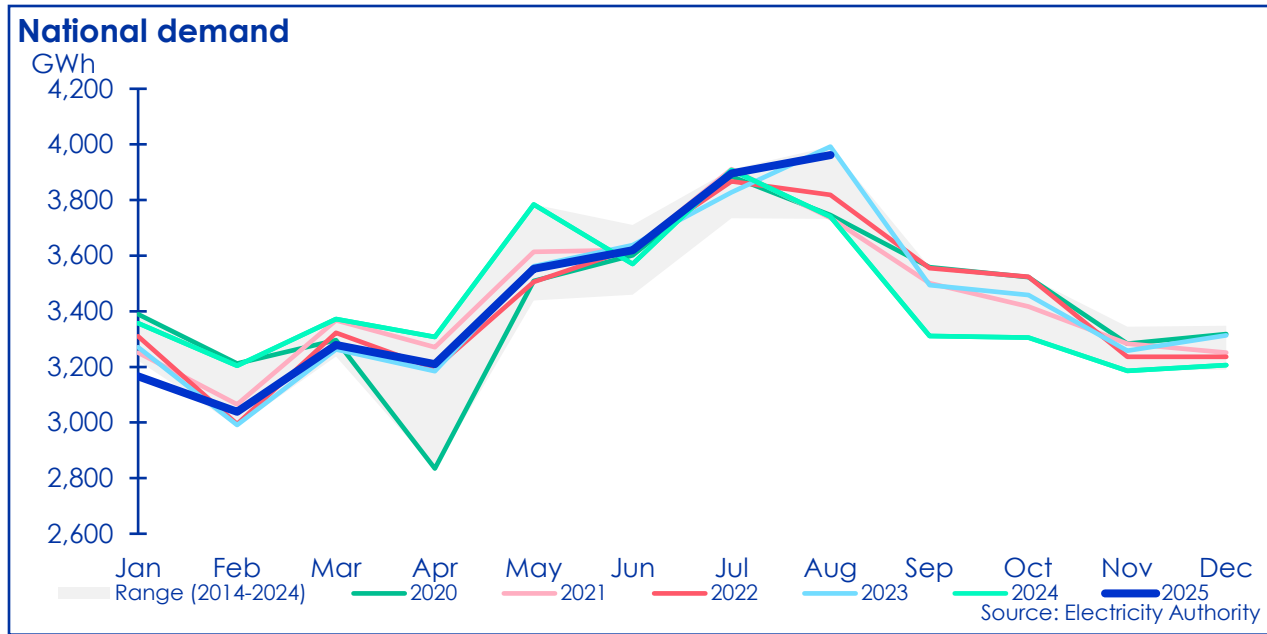
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Demand in the last 12 months was 2.5% lower than the preceding 12 months.

12-month average switching rate of customers changing retailers but not moving (“trader” switch) was 5.5% at the end of July 2025.

12-month average switching rate of customers moving and changing retailers (“move-in” switch) was 13.8% at the end of July 2025.

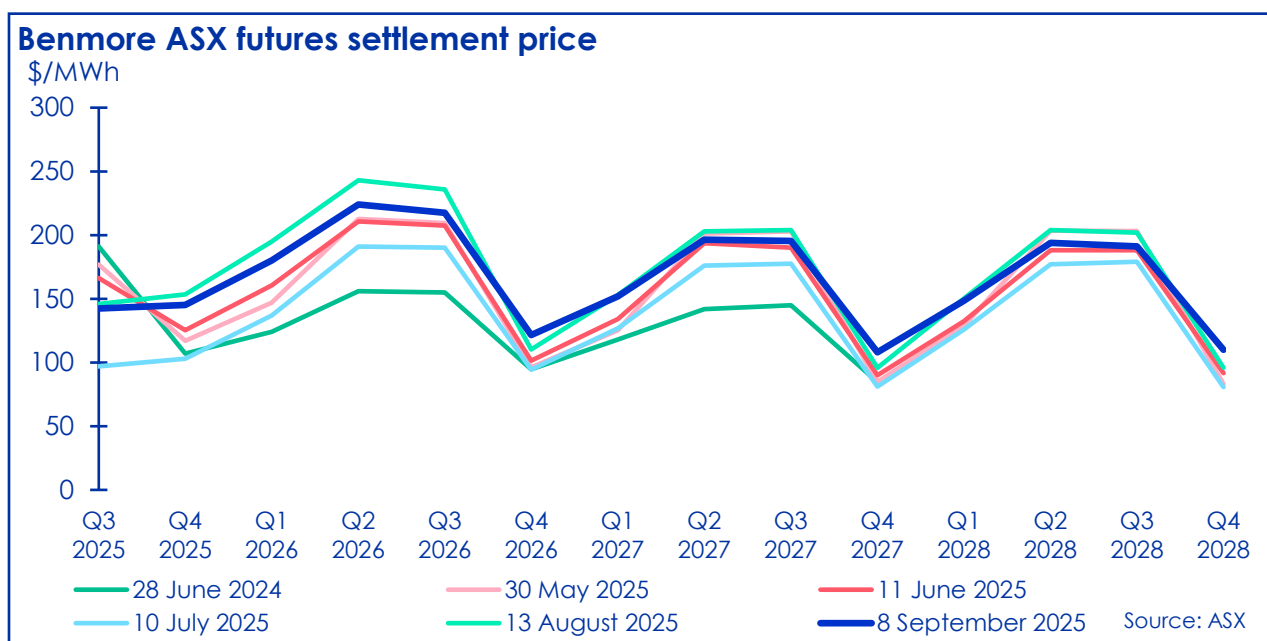
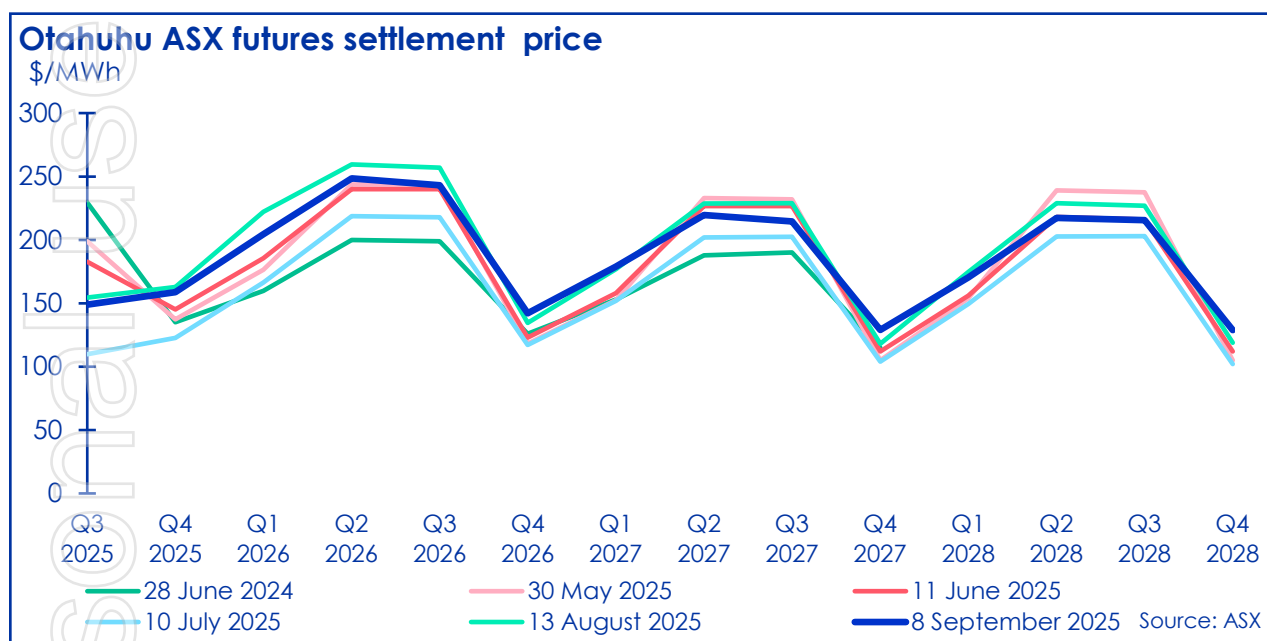
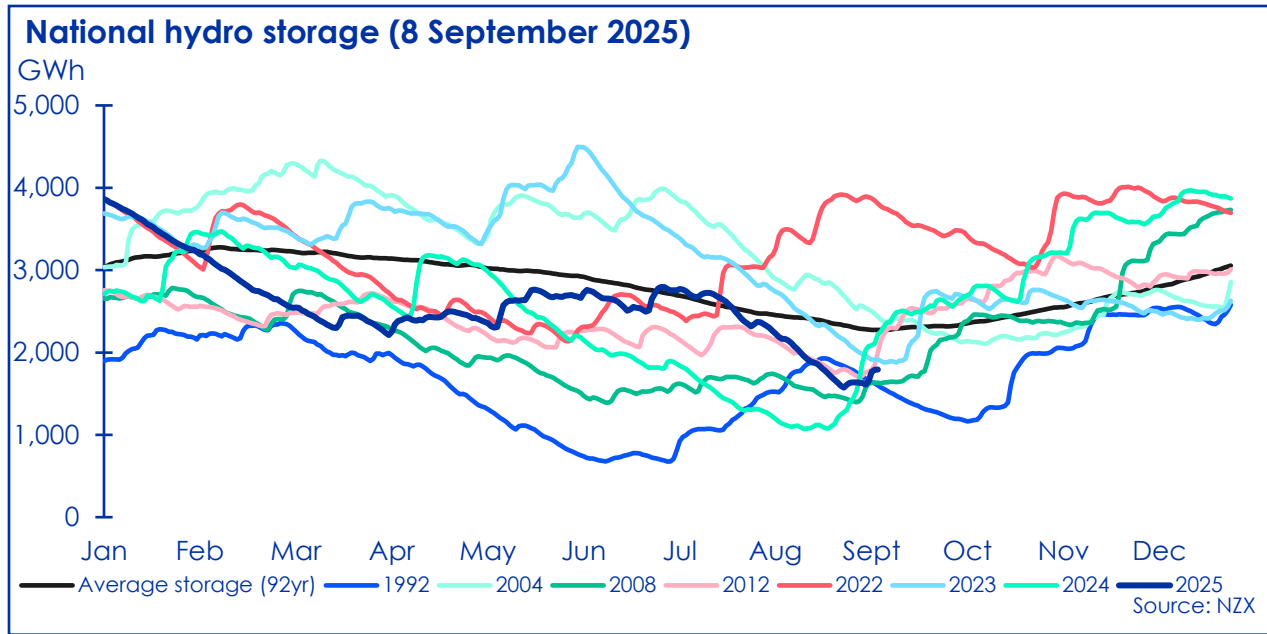


Market data

August 2025 saw decreases in ASX electricity futures prices across the curve.

National storage decreased from 87% of average on 11 August 2025 to 79% of average on 8 September 2025.

South Island storage decreased to 73% of historical average by 8 September 2025 and North Island storage decreased to 98% of average.



Retail

Meridian's customer connection numbers increased 9.6% during August 2025 and have increased 21.2% since August 2024.

Retail sales volumes in August 2025 were 12.8% higher than August 2024.

Compared to August 2024, segment sales in residential were 35.3% higher, small medium business 7.2% higher, large business 14.6% higher, agriculture 2.2% higher and corporate 4.3% higher.

To date this financial year, retail sales volumes are 11.1% higher than the same period last year.

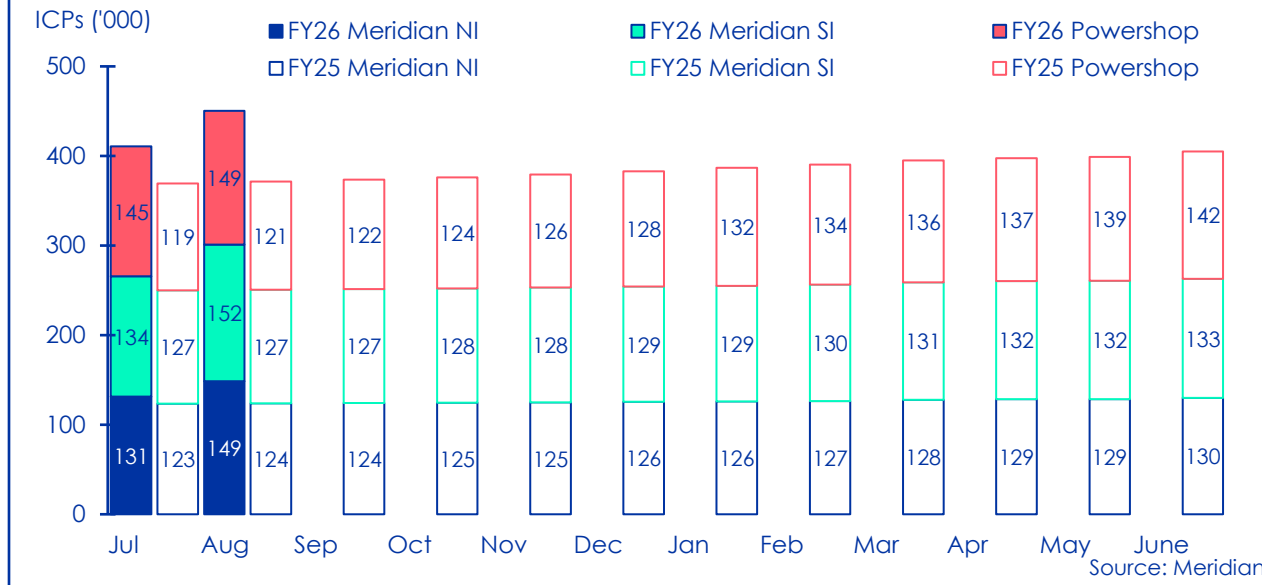
Compared to last financial year, segment sales in residential are 25.3% higher, small medium business 7.9% higher, large business 18.1% higher, agricultural 2.7% higher and corporate 4.2% higher.

Residential sales from August 2025 include Flick customers.

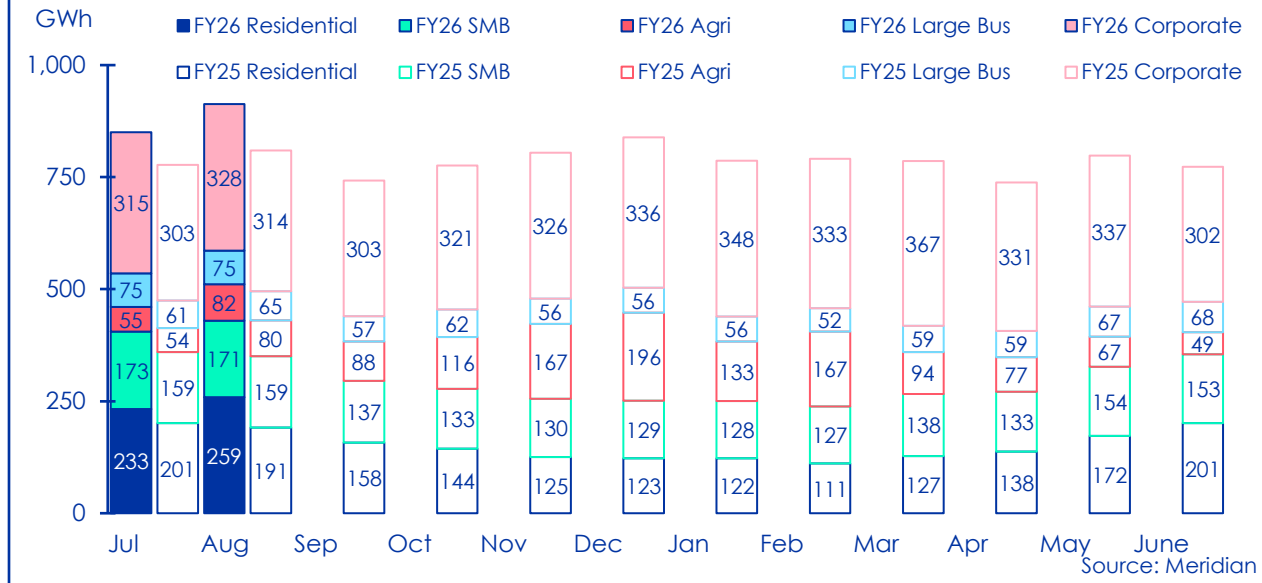
*excludes volumes sold to New Zealand Aluminium Smelters Limited and CFDs



Meridian's customer connections



Meridian's retail sales volume*



Inflows and storage

August 2025 monthly total inflows were 73% of historical average.

Waiau catchment inflows in August 2025 were 67% of historical average, 46% lower than the same month last year.

To date this financial year, inflows are 80.5% of historical average.

Waitaki catchment water storage moved from 1,210GWh to 734GWh during August 2025.

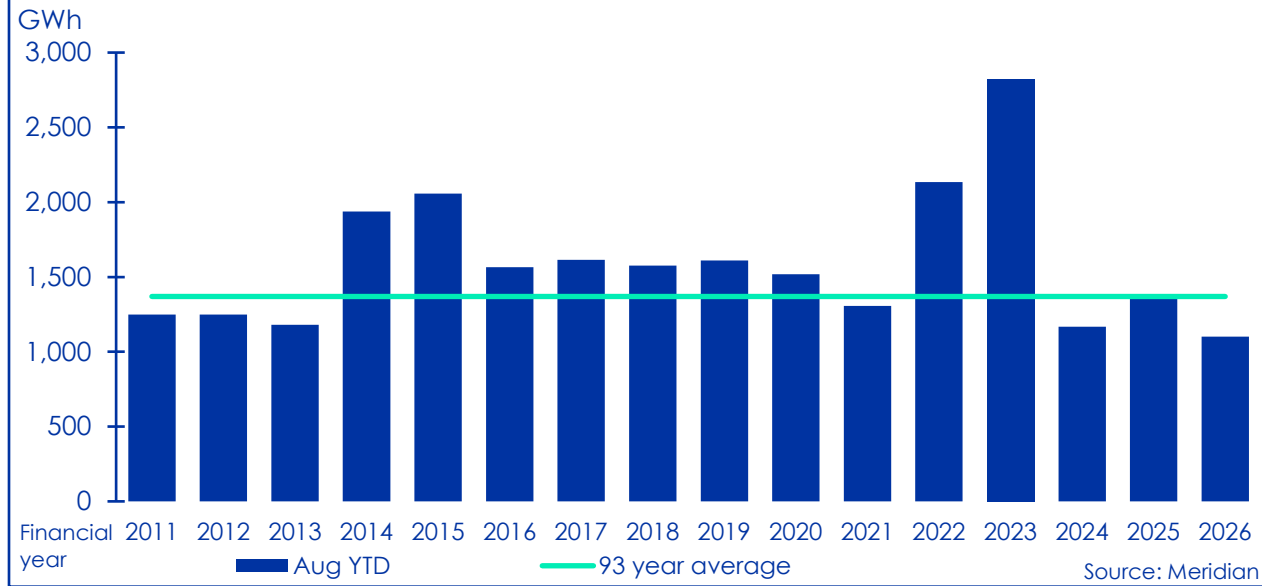
Waitaki water storage at the end of August 2025 was 65% of historical average and 34% higher than the same time last year.

Snow storage in Meridian's Waitaki catchment was 78% of average in early September.

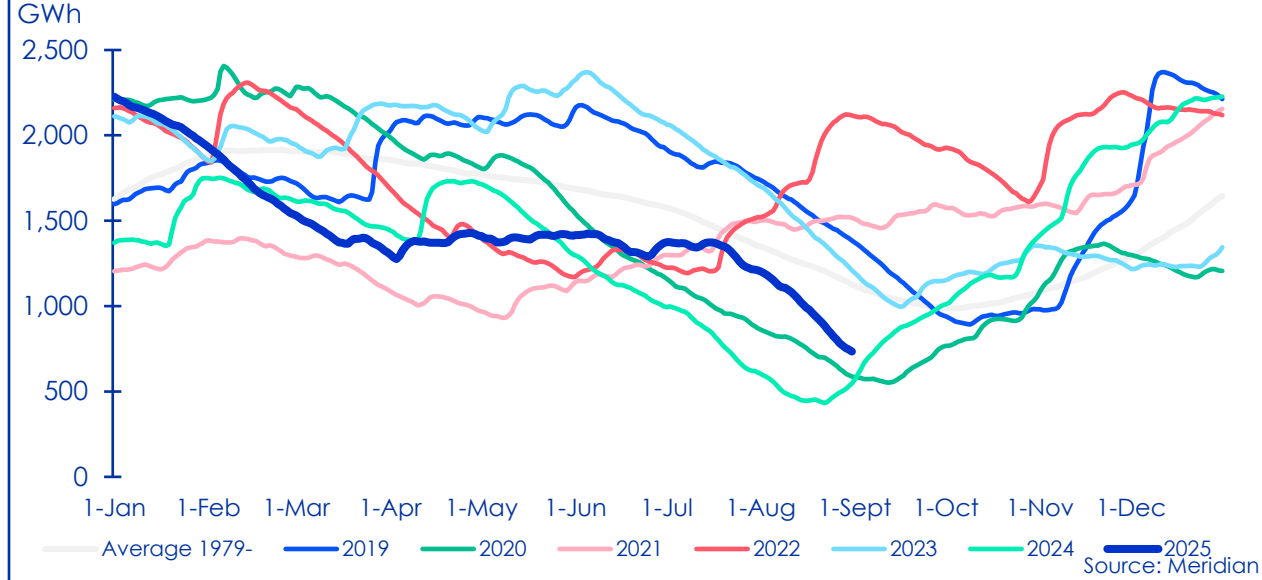
Water storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was 84% of average at the end of August 2025.

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Meridian's combined catchment inflows



Meridian's Waitaki storage



Generation

Meridian's generation in August 2025 was 22.1% higher than the same month last year, reflecting higher hydro generation and lower wind generation.

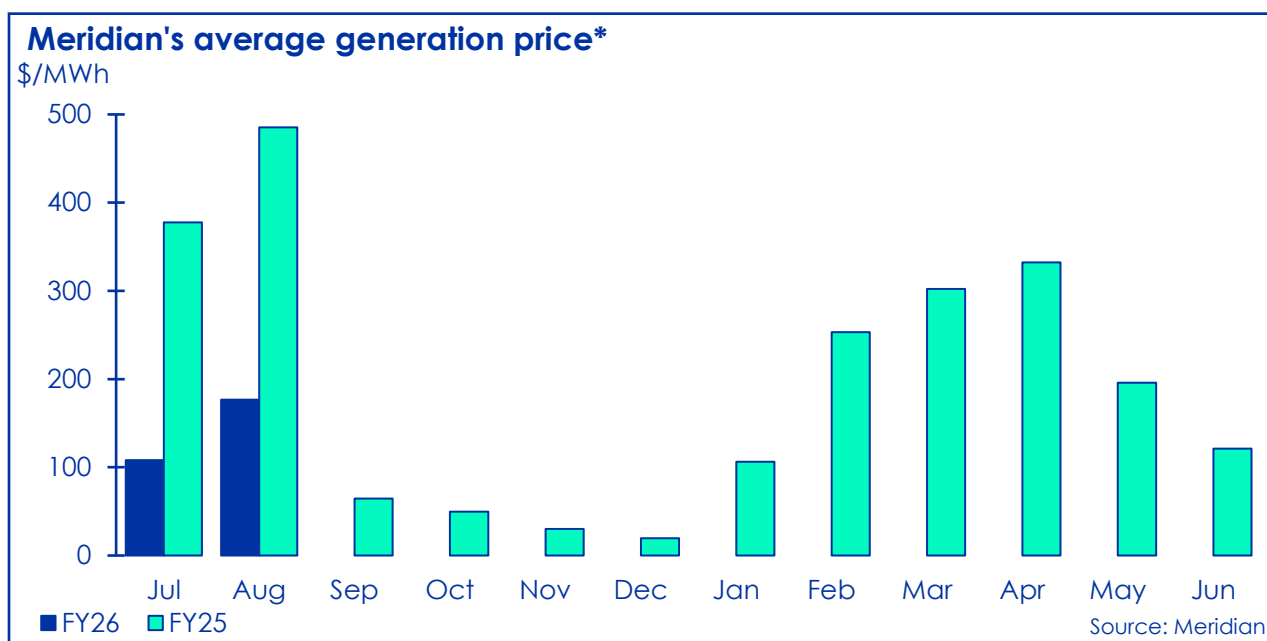
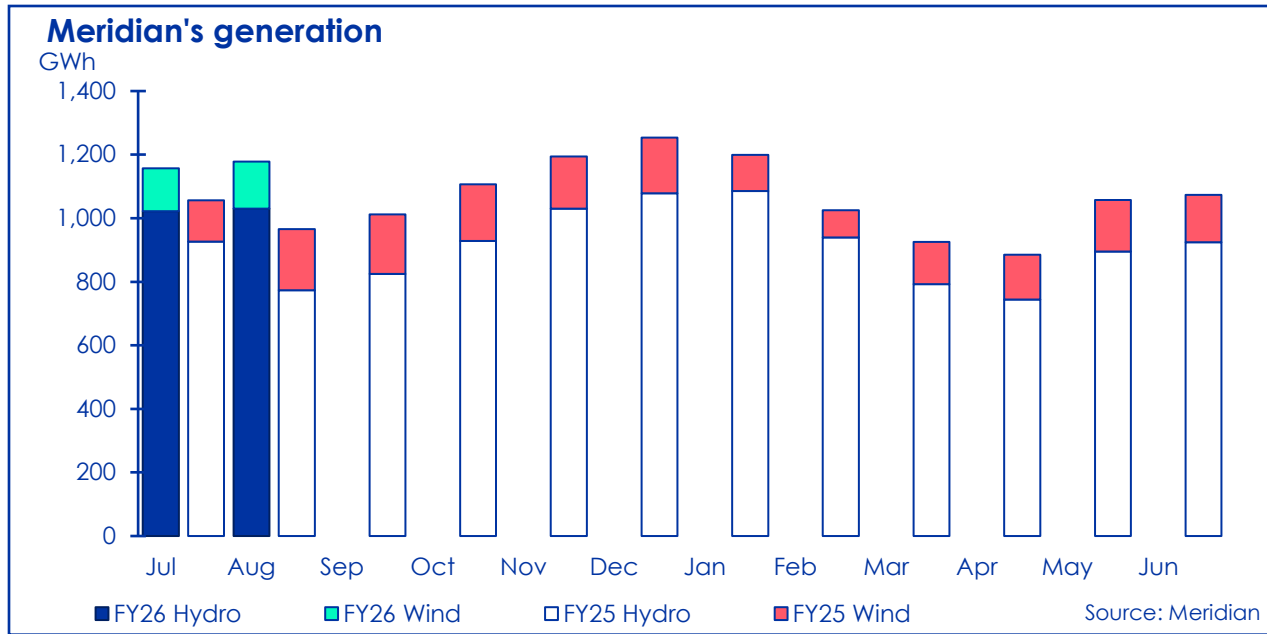
To date this financial year, Meridian's generation is 15.6% higher than the same period last year, reflecting higher hydro generation and lower wind generation.

The average price Meridian received for its generation in August 2025 was 63.6% lower than the same month last year.

The average price Meridian paid to supply customers in August 2025 was 62.9% lower than the same month last year.

This date this financial year, the average price Meridian received for its generation is 66.7% lower than the same period last year and the average price paid to supply customers is 65.9% lower.

*price received for Meridian's physical generation



Monthly operating information

	AUGUST 2025 MONTH	AUGUST 2024 MONTH	JULY 2025 MONTH	JUNE 2025 MONTH	2 MONTHS TO AUGUST 2025	2 MONTHS TO AUGUST 2024
New Zealand contracted sales						
Residential sales volume (GWh)	259	191	233	201	492	392
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	171	159	173	153	343	318
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	82	80	55	49	137	133
Large business sales volume (GWh)	75	65	75	68	149	127
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	328	314	315	302	643	617
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	913	810	850	773	1,764	1,587
Average retail contracted sales price ¹ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$172.5	\$162.9	\$172.4	\$165.6	\$172.4	\$162.6
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	276	261	267	241	542	588
Financial contract sales volumes ² (GWh)	349	222	418	281	767	517
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price ³ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$116.4	\$127.5	\$117.1	\$119.5	\$116.7	\$128.3
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	949	866	892	809	1,841	1,678
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$184.4	\$487.4	\$113.3	\$131.8	\$149.9	\$436.7
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$186.2	\$509.9	\$102.2	\$121.2	\$144.9	\$442.6
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$171.5	\$494.8	\$105.1	\$126.6	\$135.3	\$425.6
BESS supply volume (GWh)	2	-	1	1	2	-
Cost to supply BESS (\$NZ/MWh)	\$138.1	\$0.0	\$86.5	\$133.2	\$122.6	\$0.0
Demand response payments (\$NZm)	-\$3.1	-\$19.1	-\$5.4	-\$18.3	-\$8.5	-\$23.8
Total New Zealand customer connections ⁴	450,317	371,479	410,865	405,072		

Monthly operating information

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New Zealand generation						
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,030	773	1,022	925	2,052	1,700
Wind generation volume (GWh)	148	192	135	148	283	321
BESS generation volume (GWh)	1	-	0	0	1	-
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,179	965	1,157	1,073	2,337	2,021
Average generation price ⁵ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$176.6	\$483.8	\$108.1	\$121.0	\$142.7	\$427.5
New Zealand hedging						
Hedging volume ⁶ (GWh)	472	451	473	379	945	902
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$218.2	\$226.1	\$215.9	\$200.6	\$217.1	\$200.3
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$174.2	\$451.9	\$107.4	\$126.8	\$140.8	\$399.3
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-\$1.0	-\$13.7	-\$0.7	-\$0.6	-\$1.7	-\$26.6
New Zealand costs						
Employee and Operating Costs (\$m)	24	25	24	26	48	51
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	5	6	3	19	8	9
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	11	9	11	17	22	22
Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)	16	15	14	36	30	31

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 2025	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																		
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	173	171																		
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	55	82																		
Large business sales volume (GWh)	75	75																		
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	315	328																		
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	850	913																		
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$172.4	\$172.5																		
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	267	276																		
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	418	349																		
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BESS supply volume (GWh)	1	2																		
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Demand response payments (\$NZm)	-\$5.4	-\$3.1																		
Total New Zealand customer connections	410,865	450,317																		
Generation																				
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,022	1,030																		
Wind generation volume (GWh)	135	148																		
BESS generation volume (GWh)	0	1																		
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,157	1,179																		
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$108.1	\$176.6																		
Hedging																				
Hedging volume (GWh)	473	472																		
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Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-\$0.7	-\$1.0																		
Other																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	24	24																		
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	3	5																		
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	11	11																		
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	14	16																		

FY25 operating information

	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Q1 FY25	YoY change	Q2 FY25	YoY change	Q3 FY25	YoY change	Q4 FY25	YoY change	
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 (\$/NZ/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 (\$/NZ/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 (\$/NZ/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 (\$/NZ/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 (\$/NZ/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		1					1	+1	4	+4	
Cost to supply BESS (\$/NZ/MWh)									\$304.8	\$327.0	\$178.2	\$133.2					\$304.8	\$304.8	\$235.0	\$235.0	
Demand response payments (\$NZm)	-\$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 (\$/NZ/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 (\$/NZ/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 (\$/NZ/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 (\$NZm)	-\$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	
Other																					
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ 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 (\$NZ m)	4	6	4	7	8	6	1	4	8	6	8	19	\$14	+\$0	\$20	+\$4	\$13	-\$10	\$33	+\$13	
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	12	9	11	11	8	18	5	4	1	14	3	17	\$32	-\$18	\$37	-\$46	\$10	-\$74	\$33	-\$26	
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ 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