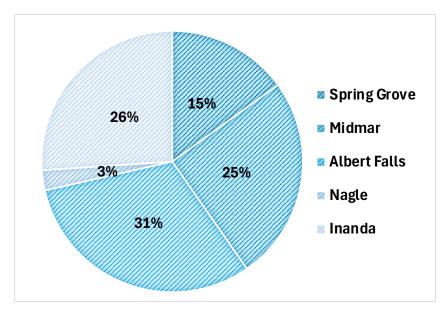
# WATER SUPPLY: where does our water come from?



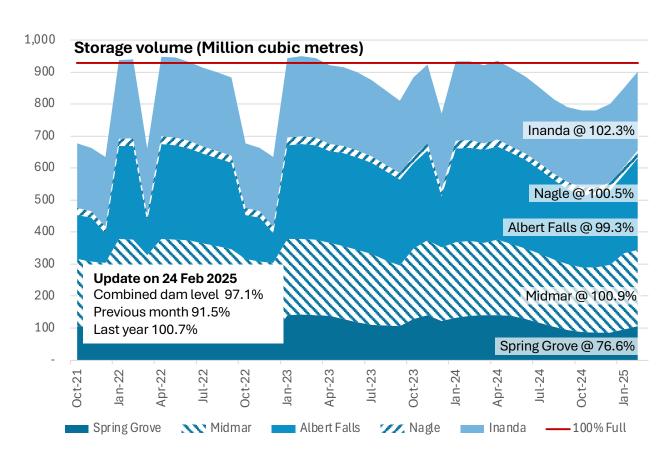
5 New water sources to be provided over the next decade are:

- The Lower uMkhomazi Water Project 60MLD by 2028
- Water Re-use Plant at Southern Works 10MLD by 2028
- Water Re-use Plant at Northern Works 50MLD by 2030
- Water Re-use Plant at Kwamashu Works 50MLD by 2030
- The Upper uMkhomazi Water Project 400MLD by 2032.

These new schemes will provide an additional 550Ml/day for the eThekwini region which is 50% more that the current demand of 1100Ml/day – at current growth and improvement in NRW this will ensure security until 2060

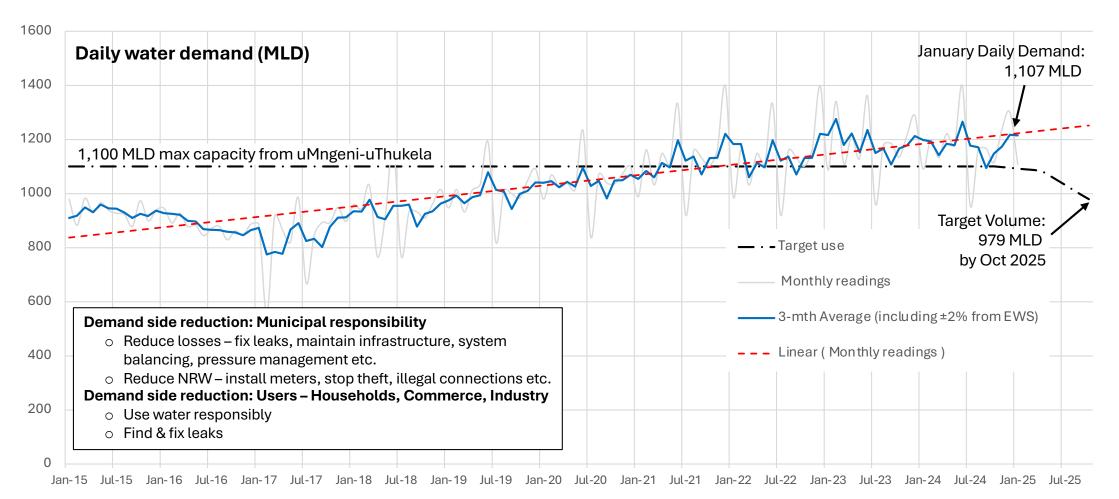
# eThekwini water supply comes from 5 dams with a combined capacity of 929 million m<sup>3</sup>

- More than 98% of treated water is purchased from uMngeni-uThukela Water (UUW)
- The uMngeni water supply system has been over-abstracted by ±20% over past years and the current restriction level requires an 8% saving in demand
- The applicable reconciliation strategy covers uMngeni, North Coast and Middle South Coast water supply systems
- ±20% spare water treatment capacity is available.

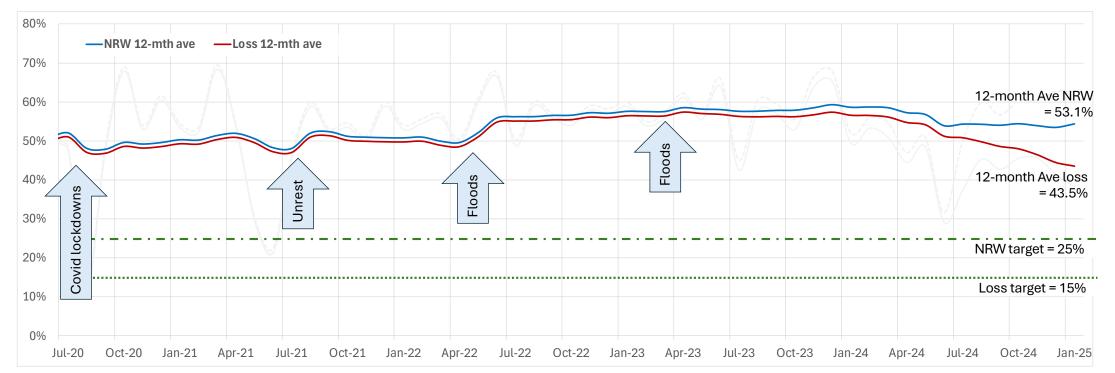


# WATER DEMAND: how much water are we using?

- eThekwini has consistently used more than their licensed allocation by ±90 MLD or 8%
- Consumption data has been monitored since 2003. There have been major changes in consumption over time: droughts, Covid, non-revenue water impacts, new billing systems, SDG goal attainment and massive rural ingress.
- At the same time, population has been increasing around 2,5% pa, although growth has been far more rapid in some areas.



# REDUCING LOSS AND NON-REVENUE WATER



## **Water Conservation/Water Demand Management**

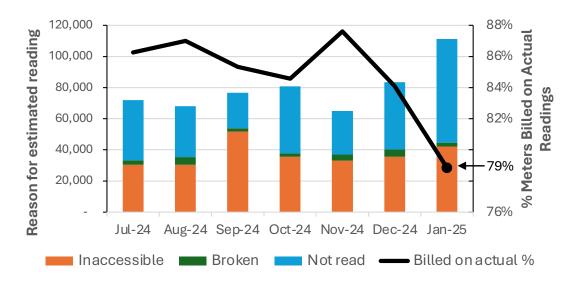
Monthly report for December 2024:

# Attended to within 48 hours (target 98%):

- 74% of the 5,321 reported water leaks
- 94% of the 719 burst pipes
- 89% of the 5,107 customer service connection leaks
- 96% of the 2,602 sewer blockages

# **Metering initiatives**

- Disconnections 3,666 in Jan (up from 1,679 in Dec)
- Billed on actual readings in January 79%
- Of the estimations, 38% is due to lack of access, and <1% faulty meters, with the balance not read



# January NRW reduced to 50.9% = WATER LOSSES + Unbilled authorised use

Where WATER LOSSES (38.2%) = Real losses + Commercial losses

### Real losses include:

- Leaks on mains
- Leaks and overflows on storage infrastructure
- Leaks on service connections outside the property boundary

# **Commercial losses** include:

- Metering inaccuracies (old meters under-record actual consumption)
- Unauthorised consumption (illegal connections and theft)

## and Unbilled authorised use, includes:

- Unbilled metered (e.g. municipal use, supply to communal taps in informal settlements) and
- Unbilled, unmetered use (e.g. fire-fighting, flushing of mains, sewers, deemed consumption)

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