

Reply to WPQ 16977 (2026)

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Member: Pham, Lan (Green Party)

Question: Has the number of boil water notices across New Zealand increased with the increasing occurrence of storm events occurring?

Response: The Water Services Authority—Taumata Arowai does not maintain a record of storm events. Data for boil water notices recorded with the Authority since its establishment in 2021 is provided below.*

Calendar year	Number of boil water notices
2021 (November - December only)	11
2022	86
2023	87
2024	48
2025	78

**This data captures the number of temporary boil water notices issued for registered drinking water supplies from 2021 to 2025.*