



# 2026

**NEW ZEALAND MUSIC  
COMMISSION  
Q1 REPORT**

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

New Zealand Music Commission | Q1 2026 Report

## STREAMING

226.8 M

▲ 5.3%

**NZ music streams:** best Q1 in the 16-quarter series. Up 5.3% on Q4 2025 and 3.8% on Q1 2025.  
**NZ share of total streams:** 6.6%.

## DIGITAL SINGLES

6,290

▼ 5.7%

**NZ single sales:** (8.3% of total). Down 5.7% on Q4 2025 and 10% on Q1 2025. Lowest Q1 in the series.

## ALBUM SALES

9,840

▲ 25.5%

**NZ album units:** (11% of total). Highest Q1 volume in the series, up 25.5% compared to Q1 2025. Down 38.9% from Q4 2025.

## RADIO AIRPLAY

1.04 M

▲ 8.5%

**NZ radio points:** (18.6% share). Volume increase by 8.5% from Q4 and 1.9% on Q1 2025. Share fell 1.7 pp year-on-year.

## WAIATA REO MĀORI STREAMS

14.6 M

▼ 10.9%

**Waiata reo Māori streams:** (6.4% of NZ). Down from 16.4 M and 7.5% share in Q1 2025. Second highest performing Q1 in the 16-quarter series.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

### Highest Q1 streaming in series

226.8 M NZ streams is the highest first-quarter total across the last 16 quarters.

### Strongest Q1 album sales in series

9,840 album units is the highest Q1 in the series, boosted by Six60 and Bic Runga releases.

### Digital singles decline

6,290 units were the weakest Q1 on record with both NZ and Non-NZ digital single sales trending down similarly.

### Radio volume up, share down

NZ radio points grew 8.5% QoQ, but non-NZ airplay grew faster, pushing NZ share to 18.6%.

### Top artists this quarter

Hori Shaw & Te Wehi led streaming; Six60 topped albums and radio; Stan Walker led waiata reo Māori.

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## Q1 2026 STREAMING UNITS

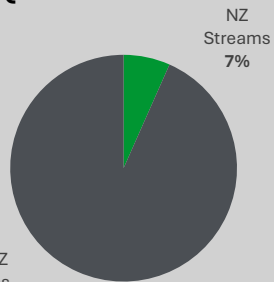
Total New Zealand Music Streams  
**226.8 M**

In Q1 2026, New Zealand music generated **226.8 million streaming units**, the most for a Q1 in this 16-quarter series.

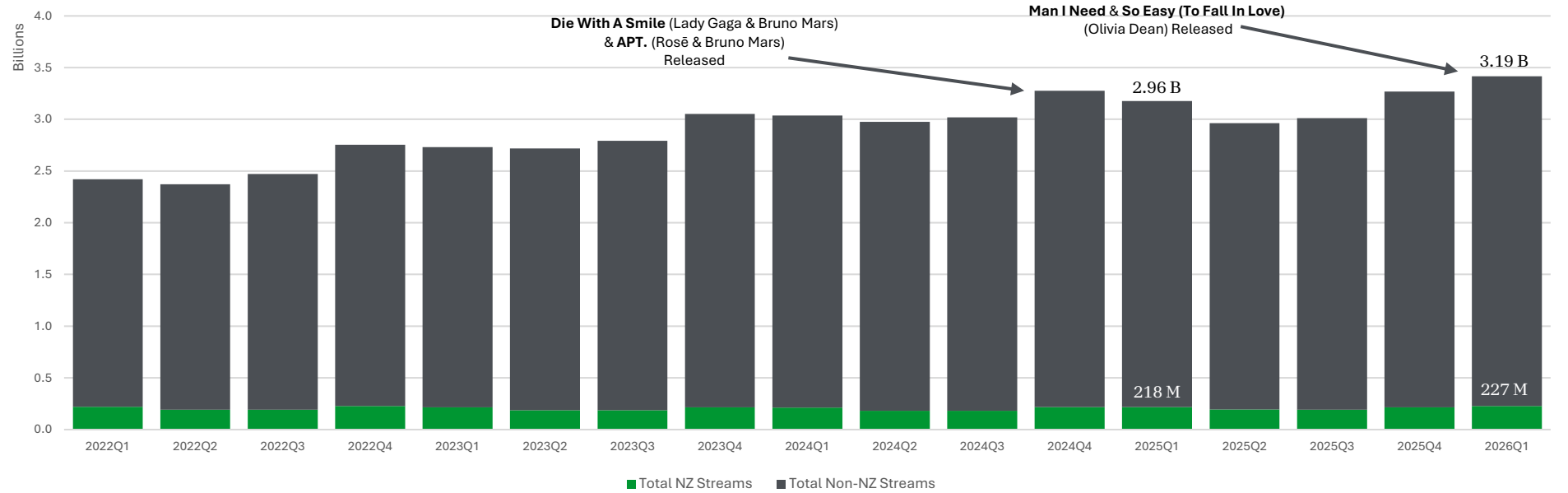
This is a **5.3% increase of total NZ music streams compared to last quarter** and a **3.8% increase on Q1 2025**.

The **top 20 most streamed** New Zealand music titles made up **8.6% of total streams (19.4 M)**, while the top 20 titles consisted of **twelve** primary artists.

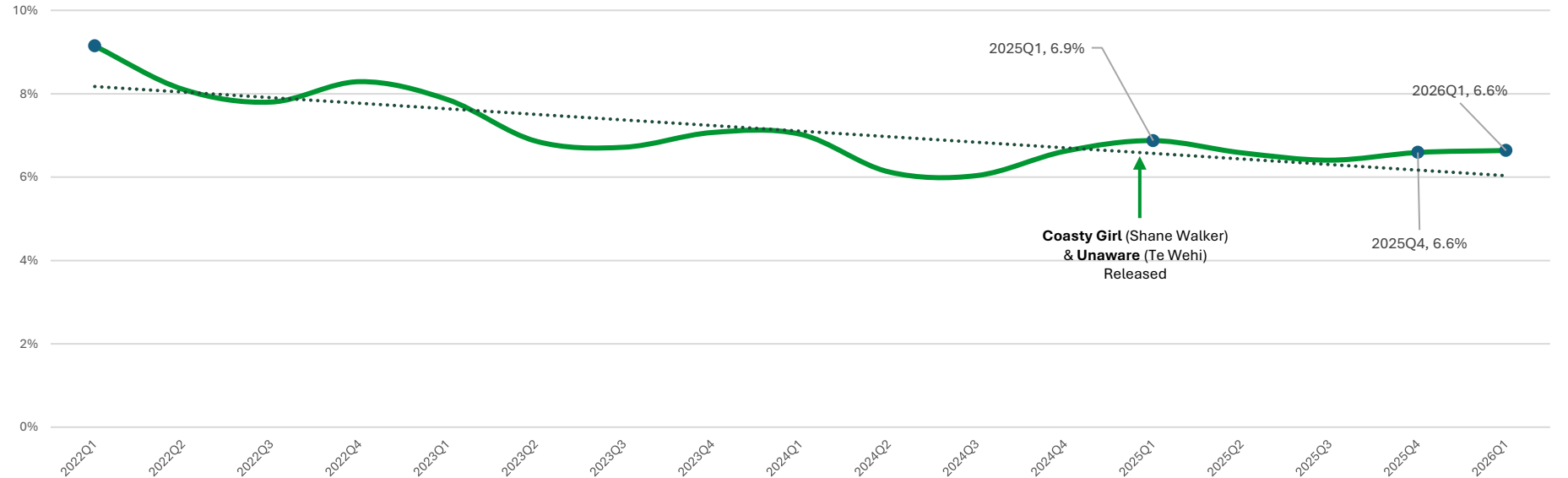
### NZ Music Share of Streams 2026 Q1



### Volume of NZ & Non-NZ Streams Per Quarter



### New Zealand Music Percentage Share of Total Streaming



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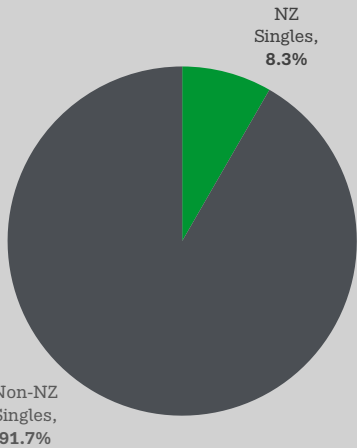
## Q1 2026 DIGITAL SINGLE SALES

Total New Zealand Music Digital Single Sales

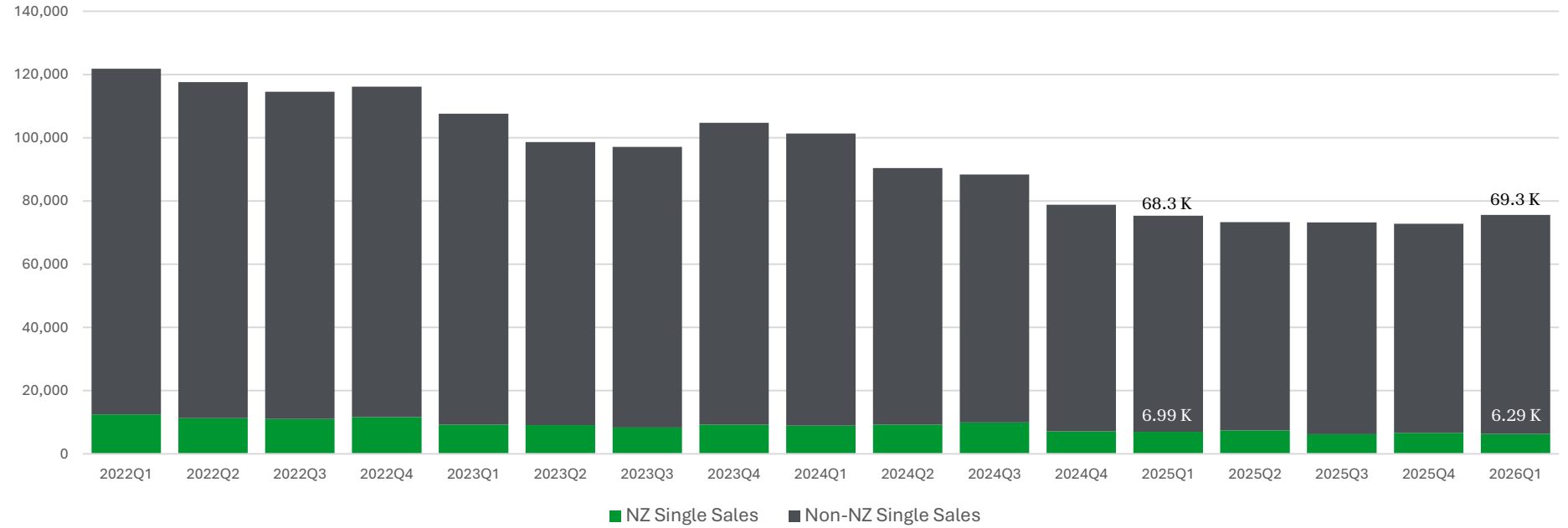
**6,290**

In Q1 2026, New Zealand music digital single sales accounted for **6,290 units** of a **total 75,543 (8.3%)**. This was a **decrease of 5.7% on last quarter** and a **decrease of 10% on Q1 2025**, the lowest performing Q1 in this 16-quarter series.

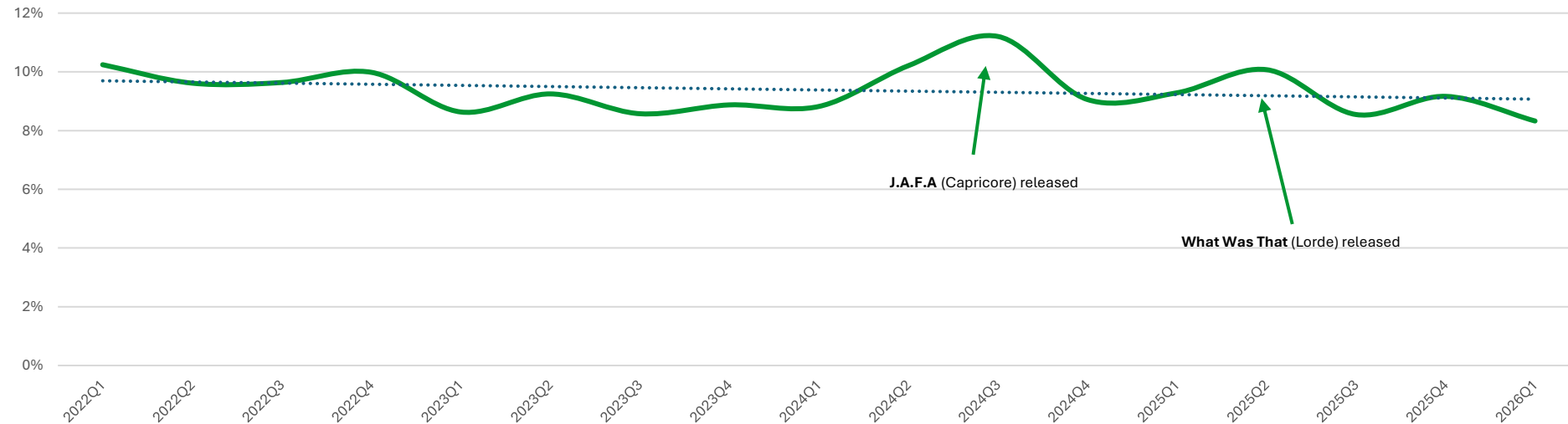
### Share of Digital Single Sales 2026Q1



Volume of NZ & Non-NZ Total Single Sales Per Quarter



New Zealand Music Percentage Share of Total Single Sales

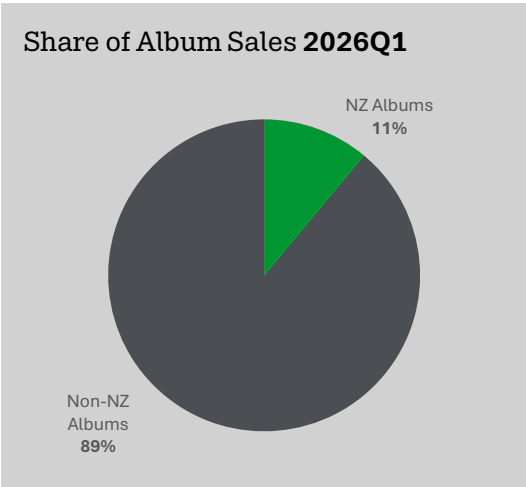


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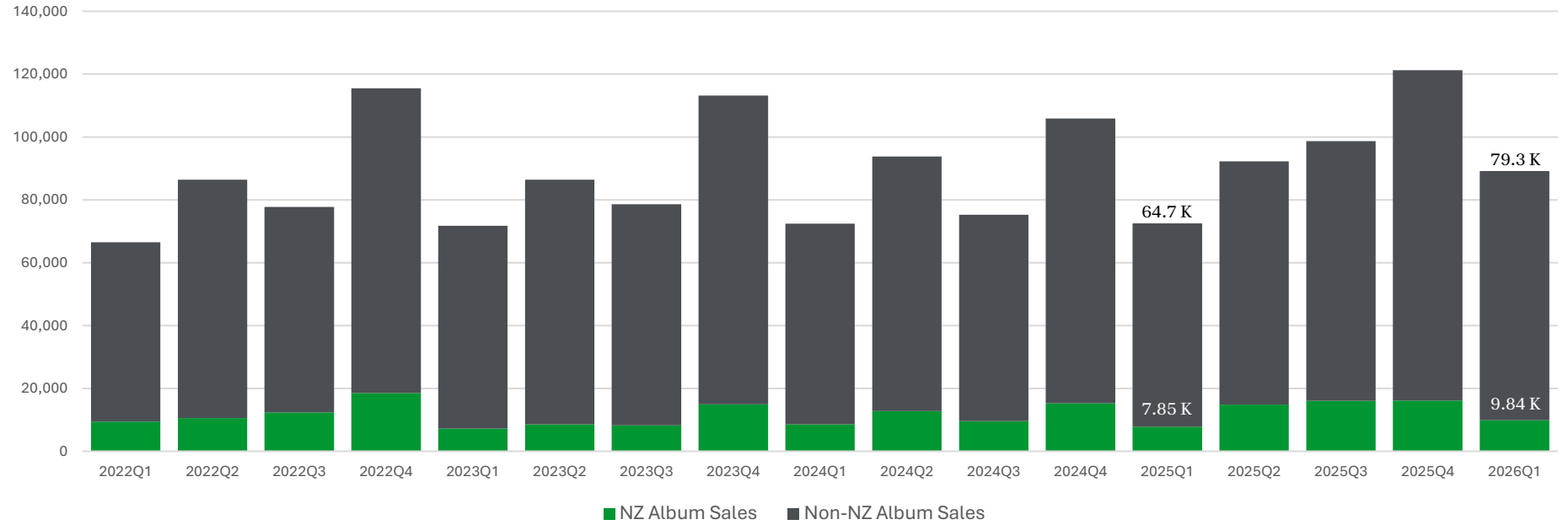
## Q1 2026 ALBUM SALES (DIGITAL & PHYSICAL COMBINED)

Total New Zealand Music Album Sales  
**9,840**

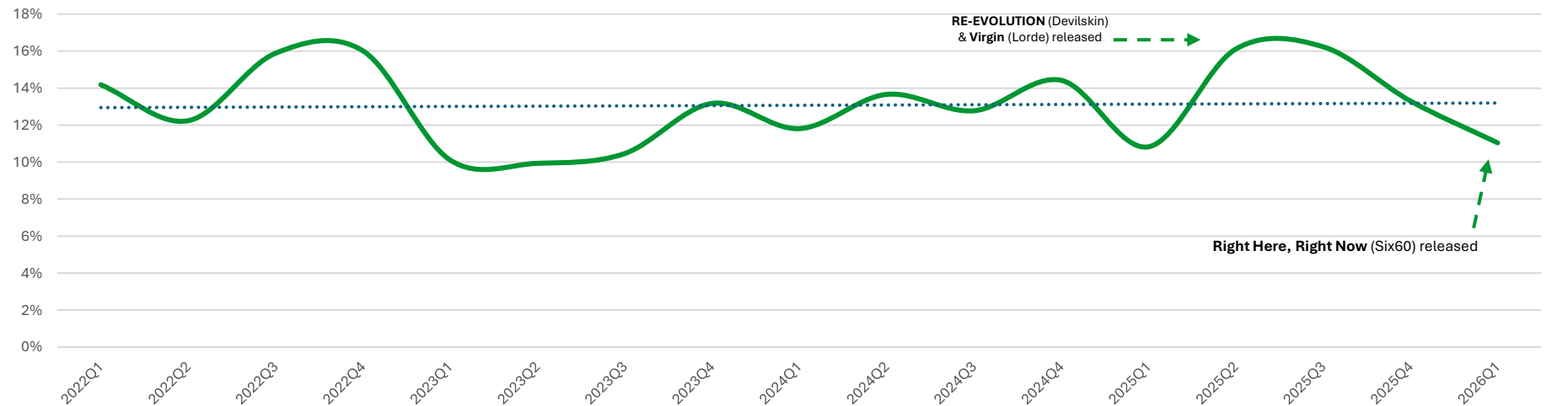
In Q1 2026, New Zealand album sales accounted for 9,840 units of a total 89,140 (11%). This is a decrease of 38.9% from last quarter and an increase of 25.5% on Q1 2025. It is the highest volume of Q1 NZ album sales in this 16-quarter series.



### Volume of NZ & Non-NZ Album Sales Per Quarter (Physical + Digital)



### New Zealand Music Percentage Share of Album Sales (Physical + Digital)



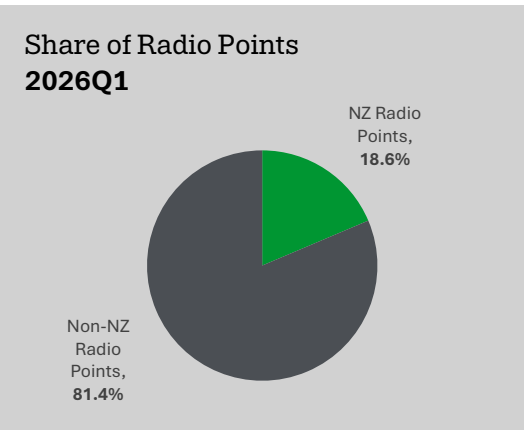
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## Q1 2026 RADIOSCOPE POINTS

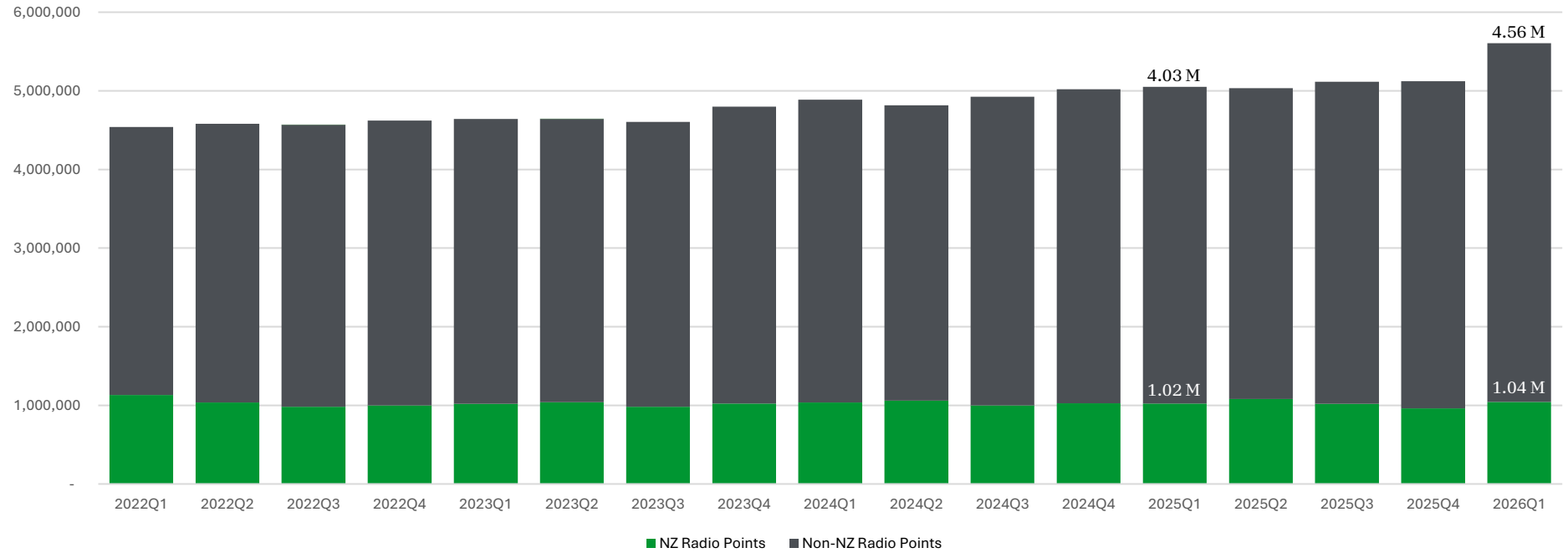
**Total New Zealand Music Radio Points**  
**1.04 M**

In Q1 2026, New Zealand music radio points accounted for 1,044,112 of a total 5,606,734 radio points (18.6%). This is an increase in volume of 8.5% from last quarter and 1.9% on Q1 2025.

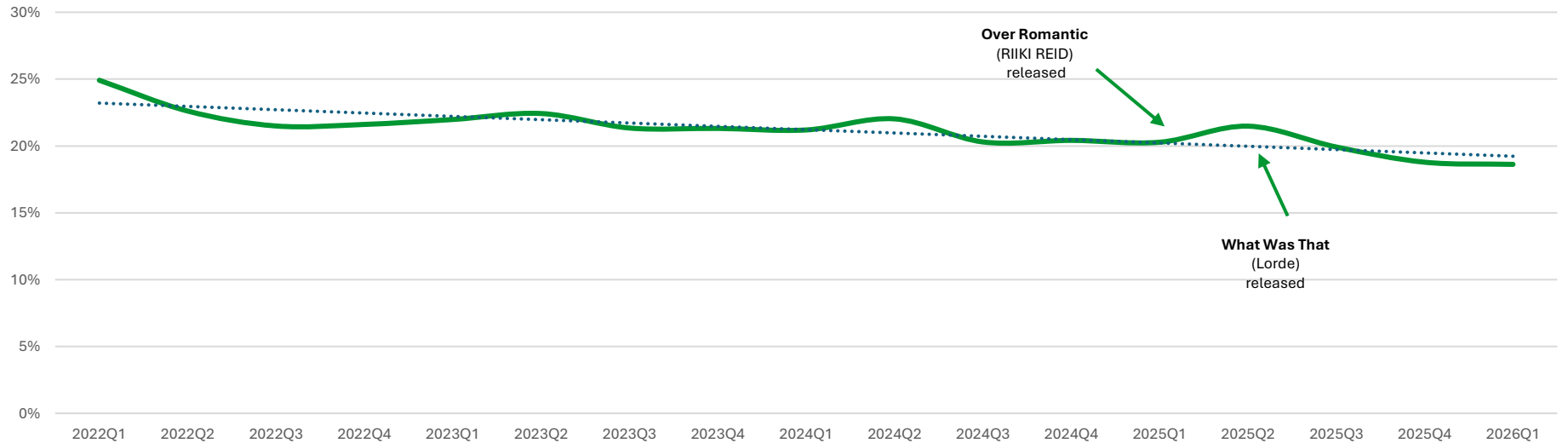
As a percentage share of all radio points (18.6%), however, this is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points on last quarter and 1.7 from Q1 2025.



NZ & Non-NZ Radio Points Per Quarter



NZ % Share of Radio Points



# WAIATA REO MĀORI

Q1 2026 STREAMING UNITS  
& PERCENTAGE OF NZ STREAMS

Waiata Reo Māori Total Streams

**14,600,589**

Waiata Reo Māori Share of NZ Streams

**6.4%**

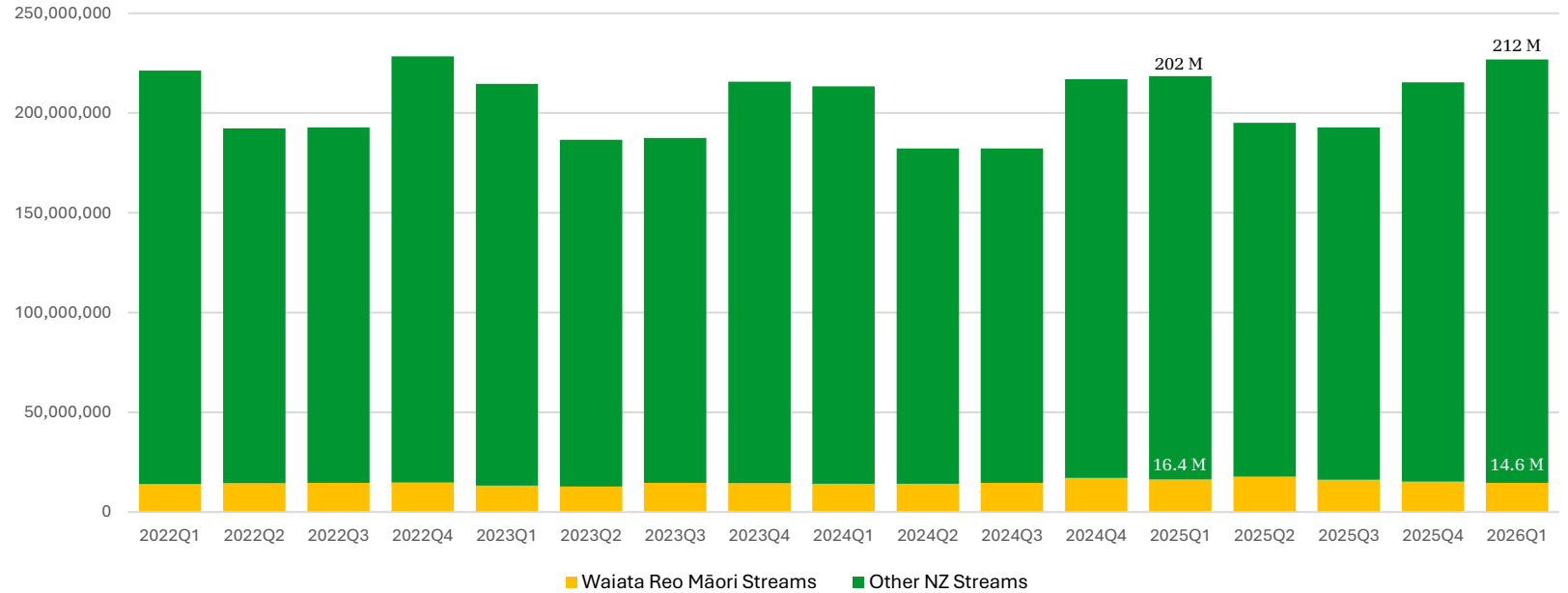
Waiata Reo Māori Share of Total Streams

**0.43%**

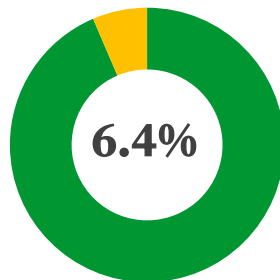
In Q1 2026, waiata reo Māori generated **14.6 million streaming units**, accounting for **6.4% of total New Zealand streams**. This represents a reduction relative to Q1 2025 (**16.4 million streams; 7.5% share**). While this quarter is a decrease on Q1 2025, it outperformed all other Q1 quarters in this series.

The **top 20 waiata reo Māori streaming titles** made up **8.2% of total streams (1,193,751)**, while the top 20 consisted of **six main artists**.

Waiata Reo Māori & Other NZ Streams

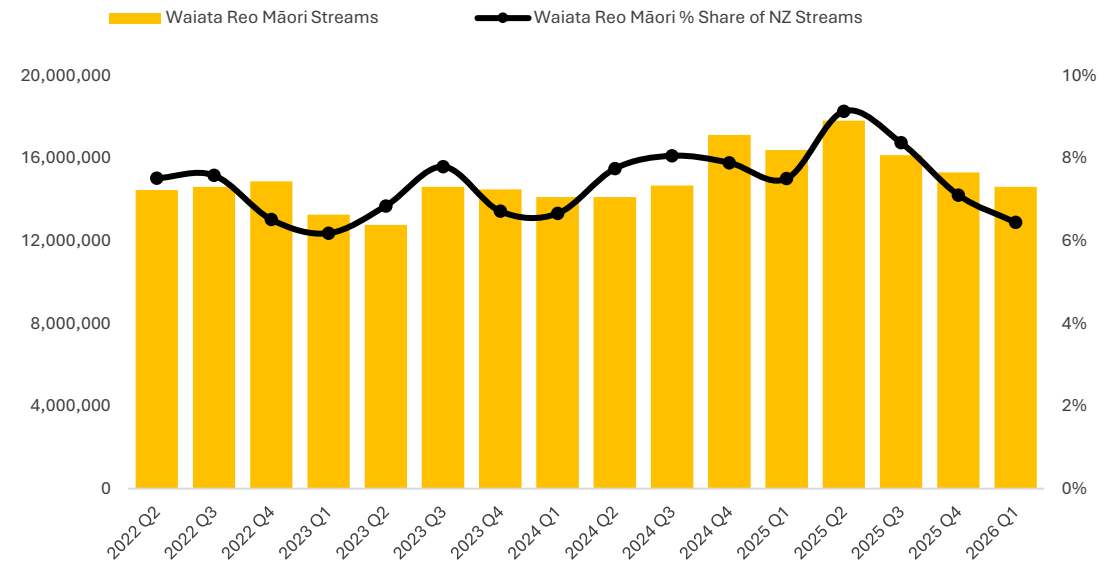


Streaming Share 2026 Q1



Other NZ Streams  
Waiata Reo Māori Streams

Quarterly Comparison of Waiata Reo Māori Streams



# TOP 10 CHART POINTS - 2026 Q1

## Top NZ Tracks

1. **IN THE AIR**  
L.A.B. • LOOP
2. **READY TO RIDE**  
HORI SHAW & TE WEHI • HORISHAW/PRECISE
3. **DON'T DREAM IT'S OVER**  
CROWDED HOUSE • CAPITOL/UNIVERSAL
4. **CATCH A WAVE**  
TE WEHI & HORI SHAW • PRECISE
5. **WE MADE IT**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
6. **UNAWARE**  
TE WEHI • HEREPURU/PRECISE
7. **BACK IN MY ARMS**  
HORI SHAW • HORI SHAW/PRECISE
8. **DON'T FORGET YOUR ROOTS**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
9. **HOME**  
SON & WATER FEAT. MYSHAAN • SON&WATER/PRECISE
10. **BLUE EYED MĀORI**  
CORELLA • LOOP

## Top NZ Albums

1. **RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
2. **SIX60 (1)**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
3. **PURE HEROINE**  
LORDE • UNIVERSAL
4. **FIRST XV**  
SONS OF ZION • SONYMUSIC
5. **SIX60 (3)**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
6. **SIX60 EP**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
7. **VIRGIN**  
LORDE • UNIVERSAL
8. **SIX60 (2)**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
9. **REVIVAL 2.0**  
KATCHAFIRE • KATCHAFIRE/ONERPM
10. **MOANA OST**  
VARIOUS • DISNEY/UNIVERSAL

# TOP 10 - 2026 Q1

## Most Streamed NZ Tracks

1. **READY TO RIDE**  
HORI SHAW & TE WEHI • HORI SHAW/PRECISE
2. **DON'T DREAM IT'S OVER**  
CROWDED HOUSE • CAPITOL/UNIVERSAL
3. **IN THE AIR**  
L.A.B • LOOP
4. **CATCH A WAVE**  
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CORELLA • LOOP

## Most Album Sales

1. **RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
2. **RED SUNSET**  
BIC RUNGA • THEORCHARD
3. **DUNGEON VISION**  
EARTH TONGUE • INHERED/RHYTHM/THEORCHARD
4. **VIRGIN**  
LORDE • UNIVERSAL
5. **TE WHARE TĪWEKAWEKA**  
MARLON WILLIAMS • UNIVERSAL
6. **PURE HEROINE**  
LORDE • UNIVERSAL
7. **BASED ON A TRUE STORY**  
FAT FREDDY'S DROP • THEDROP/RHYTHM/DRM
8. **HUSH**  
IVY • VELVETTHELABEL/THEORCHARD
9. **I'M THAT BITCH EP**  
ARDON ENGLAND • ARDONENGLAND/XELON
10. **MELODRAMA**  
LORDE • UNIVERSAL

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## RadioScope Airplay Points

1. **WE MADE IT**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
2. **SUMMER RAIN**  
DRAX PROJECT • DRAXPROJECT/UNIVERSAL
3. **PRETTY GYAL**  
COTERIE • MASSIVE/SONY
4. **WHEREVER YOU GO**  
MAX ALLAIS • REALTHING/BETTERNOW/UNIVERSAL
5. **ENDLESSLY**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
6. **WHERE DO YOU RUN TO**  
THE RESPONSE • THERESPONSE/DRM
7. **SATELLITE**  
HARPER FINN • HARPERFINN/WARNER
8. **CATCH A WAVE**  
TE WEHI & HORI SHAW • TEWEHI&HORISHAW/PRECISE
9. **OVER ROMANTIC**  
RIIKI REID • WEA/WARNER
10. **TAINTED**  
BORDERLINE • BORDERLINE/AUGUSTAVENUE/EMPIRE

## Waiata Reo Māori Streams

1. **MĀORI KI TE AO**  
STAN WALKER • SONY MUSIC
2. **PEPEHA**  
SIX60 • MASSIVE/UNIVERSAL
3. **POI Ē**  
THE PĀTEA MĀORI CLUB • MAUI/JAYREM
4. **TŌKU REO TŌKU OHOOHO**  
TE TIRA WAIATA O TE PUKAWAI • APRA/UNIVERSAL
5. **35**  
KA HAO FT. ROB RUHA • INDIGINATION
6. **KIA MAU KI TŌ ŪKAIPŌ**  
SIX60 • UNIVERSAL
7. **TŌREA**  
MAKAIRA BERRY, HAMIORA TUARI... • BLACK MEDIA/DRM
8. **AOTEAROA**  
STAN WALKER • SONY MUSIC
9. **KEI WAREWARE I A TĀTOU**  
TE MATATINI & TE KURU MARUTEA • TE MATATINI/THE ORCHARD
10. **MĀNAWA MAIEA MATARIKI**  
TAWAZ, STAN WALKER & HONE • TAWAZ/PRECISE

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**Contributing Data Sources:**

STREAMING	PHYSICAL SALES		RADIO					
Spotify	JBHiFi	Flying Nun	The Breeze	Gold	531 PI	Lake FM	KAOS	Awa FM
Apple Music	MightyApe	Vinyl Countdown	The Edge	Life FM	CFM	Timeless Taupo	Tainui FM	Ngati Porou
YouTube	Flying Out	Domino	More FM	Brian FM	Radio Wanaka	Beach FM	Tahu FM	Raukawa FM
<b>DIGITAL SALES</b>	Marbecks	My Music Taupo	ZM	Radio Rhema	Hokonui	Reel World	Atiawa Toa	Sun FM
iTunes	Real Groovy	The Warehouse	The Rock	Niu FM	Pulzar	KAOS	Nga Iwi FM	Radio Kahungunu
Bandcamp	Slowboat	K-Pop NZ	The Hits	bFM	Coast FM (Greymouth)	Anthemz	Radio Waatea	Tumeke FM
Direct To Consumer	MerchMe	Love Police Physical	Mai FM	Star	The Station	QFM	Moana AM	Turanga FM
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			Radio Hauraki	Bayrock	QFM	Timeless Taupo	The Heat	Te Hiku O Te Ika
			Flava	1XX	Peak FM	Beach FM	Te Arawa FM	Sunshine FM
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