

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for water markets in England and Wales

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The current state of England and Wales' water markets and key findings from the Independent Commission on the regulatory system so far**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **The way forward for the Government's water sector review**
building partnerships between government, companies, customers and investors | developing effective regulation and the future role of Ofwat | addressing barriers to a successful review | setting clear outcomes and a long-term vision for the future | delivering environmental, public health, customer and economic outcomes
Dan Walker-Nolan, Director of Policy, Water UK
Senior representative, environment
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, consumers
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Ofwat's future strategy - regulation and innovation in the water sector**
Helen Campbell, Senior Director, Ofwat
Juliet Young, Chief Economist, Ofwat
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Enhancing water infrastructure to meet long-term challenges**
Senior representative, infrastructure
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **Priorities for water companies - environmental, customer and operational goals**
Cathryn Ross, Strategy and External Affairs Director, Thames Water
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **PR24 outcomes and strategic priorities for implementation**
evaluating PR24's environmental and infrastructure commitments | managing costs and ensuring fair billing for consumers | balancing stakeholder collaboration with regulatory compliance | supporting water companies and addressing financial resilience | future-proofing the water sector for climate resilience
Senior representative, consumer
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, finance
Senior representative, nature-based solutions
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Environmental priorities for the future of the water sector**
Helen Wakeham, Director, Water, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum