

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for water markets in England and Wales

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 25th March 2025

Taking Place Online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Redesdale
- 9.05 **The current state of England and Wales' water markets and key findings from the Independent Commission on the regulatory system so far**
David Hall, Visiting Professor, University of Greenwich
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 | reflecting on EFRA Committee Inquiry preliminary observations
Professor Ian Barker, Director, Institute of Water
Daniel Walker-Nolan, Director, Policy, Water UK
Zoe McLeod, Associate Director, Sustainability First
Dominic Nash, Head, European Utilities Research, Barclays
Professor Liz Sharp, Professor, Water and Planning, University of Sheffield
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Ofwat's future strategy - regulation and innovation in the water sector**
Helen Campbell, Senior Director, Ofwat
Jo Jolly, Director, Environment and Innovation, Ofwat
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Redesdale
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jo Jolly, Director, Environment and Innovation, Ofwat
- 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
Alison Smith, Senior Research Associate, Environmental Change Institute
Nicola Williams, Partner, Eversheds Sutherland
Julian Jacobs, Regulation Director, AtkinsRéalis
Tessa Wardley, Director, Communications and Advocacy, The Rivers Trust
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**
Jo Jolly, Director, Environment and Innovation, Ofwat
Thomas Howard, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum