

## 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**  
**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  
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*  
**Alison Smith**, Senior Research Associate, Environmental Change Institute  
**Nicola Williams**, Partner, Eversheds Sutherland  
Senior representative, consumer  
Senior representative, finance  
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