

# Smart Water Systems in Scotland - New Interview Released with Scottish Government

*SMi Group release new interview with Water Industry Group Leader, Jon Rathjen, ahead of his opening address at the 6th Annual Smart Water Systems next April*



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-- SMi Group have released an [interview](#) with Jon Rathjen, Group Leader – Water Industry from the Scottish Government, ahead of his opening address at the 6th annual [Smart Water](#) Systems conference in London on 24th and 25th April 2017.



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*Jon Rathjen*

Providing a Scottish perspective, Jon will be discussing the importance and value of water resources and how this can contribute to increased economic benefits.

In the run up to the event, SMi Group spoke to Jon regarding his work and developments in the smart water industry.

When asked to describe the Scottish smart water industry, Jon Rathjen said:

“Our water industry has a huge asset base to enhance and manage and plenty of performance challenges for the future, the smart water industry sector can help understand and optimise what we have and prepare us all for the future.”

Commenting on the reasons why the Scottish Water Industry is very high performing, he credits Scottish low water charge rate and the framework that combines the government, independent regulation and customer input as the main factors.

“Scotland faces a positive challenge to support industrial and domestic growth and to optimise performance and service for customers and in Scotland we have a public corporation that serves the whole nation of over 5 million customers across some of the UKs most beautiful and challenging landscapes. Scotland already has an active retail market for non-domestic customers and that has driven water efficiency and water use reduction technology and systems improvements, the English market is coming soon and these opportunities will gain greater focus then. The Scottish Water industry is high performing and our charges are lower on average than the rest of the UK. We also have a unique governance framework that combines Scottish Government strategic direction with independent regulation and a strong customer input.”

The full interview is available to read in the event [download centre](#) at <http://www.smart-water-systems.com/einpress>.

SMi's 6th annual conference:  
Smart Water Systems  
24th - 25th April 2017  
Cophthorne Tara Hotel, London UK

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