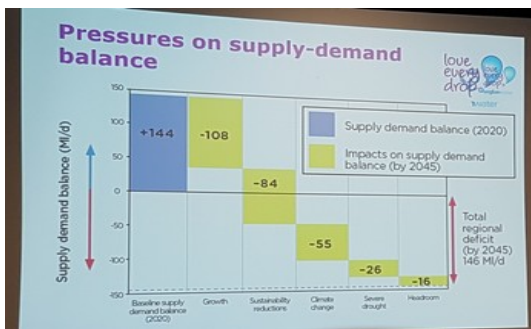
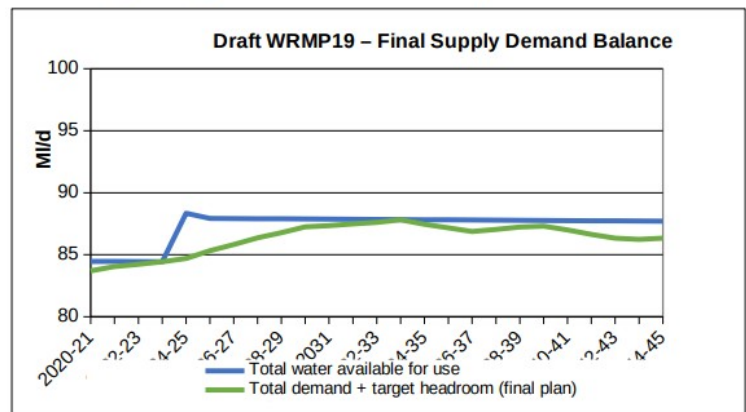


Some remarks at a Water UK meeting in Cambridge 16.10.19

- The region has a big water surplus now, but this will turn into a big deficit within the next quarter century if nothing is done.
- DeFRA's funding is constrained by government and OFWAT limits the investment by water companies in order to keep down prices to consumers. Is OFWAT getting the right message?
- Evidence is needed if regulations are to be changed. Should water cost more?
- There needs to be more cooperation so as to make best use of limited resources with an integrated solution for the whole of the eastern region. This might include new reservoirs and pipelines, aquifer recharge, and stopping water flowing into the sea.
- The leakage problem is serious not just in pipelines, but also within premises.
- Agriculture is a significant extractor and is already suffering.
- If net environment gain is managed well it should help rivers.
- Rivers in the Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds areas are in the worst state since records began, and this magnifies the effects of pollution, but it is important not to act on just one year's experience.
- Using wetlands to treat sewage is a comparatively cheap low-carbon method. It seems to be effective, though it more evidence is needed, and land.



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