

Funding the Future

Reaction to this morning's Twitter thread on the water ...

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I was pleased with [this reaction to my Twitter thread](#) on the water companies:

 **Feargal Sharkey** @Feargal_Sharkey · 1h ...
A brilliant and detailed assessment of what's gone wrong, where we are and what needs to happen next.

With the terrifying conclusion "Government thinks that saving the private water companies is more important than them polluting our water, rivers and beaches".

 **Richard Murphy** ✅ @RichardJMurphy · 2h
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I am told there will be a Guardian story on this later today.

Radio interviews have begun.

This story is big precisely because it lays bare the whole fallacy of privatisation that has

imposed massive costs on us all.

But the question is, will the government and the Labour Party have the courage to do anything to address this issue?