



**Guide:
Submission of Motions
2023 National Conference
& Annual General Meeting**

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Context

The purpose of the MDA is to provide effective representation of local government and communities at state and federal level in the management of Basin resources by exchanging information, facilitating debate, and seeking to influence government policy.

Motions resolved at the National Conference and AGM form the foundations of the MDA's leadership and advocacy work for the year and years ahead.

We invite you to begin considering and consulting with your regions on prospective motions for the AGM. These motions are a unique opportunity to elevate your region's issues, challenges, and opportunities.

You are encouraged to engage all member councils within your region in the development of your region's motions before submitting them to the MDA.

Motions should be supported by a resolution at a region meeting before being put to the Board for final approval before the AGM.

Where multiple motions are received that are similar in intent, the MDA executive will liaise with proposing regions to identify opportunities to integrate into single motions.

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How to submit a motion

- 1) Consult with your region about the proposed motion at your next Region Meeting.
- 2) Use the attached template to write your motion, adding any supporting information such as region meeting resolutions.
- 3) Submit your motion to t.phillips@mda.asn.au no later than 31 August 2023.

The final Agenda and Meeting Papers will be distributed at least 14 days prior to the 2023 AGM.



Motion Template

Motion # **Region # - [Proposing Council]**

Motion: *Clear instruction / directive / call for action*

Objective:

- *What is your motion trying to achieve?*
- *Who would benefit from your motion?*

Key Arguments:

- *What is the current context/issue?*
- *What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?*
- *What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?*

