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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### MDA MOTIONS ANNOUNCED

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From renewable energy to carp control, flows at Barmah Choke and management of Menindee Lakes. From regulatory compliance to socio-economic neutrality and the 450GL upwater; and even the take and use of water for bottling. Councils from across the Murray Darling Basin will consider these issues and more.

The MDA has today released the motions proposed by councils and other members to be debated when the national peak body for local government across the Basin holds its 74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on Thursday, August 30 in Leeton NSW.

Topics covered in the proposed motions include:

- River flows during periods of high tourism activity;
- Victorian legislation regulating the take and use of water for bottling
- Continuing support for the National Carp Control Plan;
- Capacity of the Barmah Choke to meet Basin Plan objectives;
- Defining socio-economic neutrality in the context of the Basin Plan;
- Climate vulnerability modelling;
- Upgrading SA's outdated weir infrastructure;
- The creation of a National Water Registry;
- The creation of a National Water Ombudsman;
- Mandated role for local government in Basin Plan consultation and decision making;
- Protecting flows for the Barwon/Darling River;
- Replenishing the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund;
- Renewable energy – hydro-electricity at Torrumbarry;
- Management of water in the Menindee Lakes;
- Community-based solutions for structural adjustment; and
- Murray Darling Association's regional boundaries.

The notice of meeting and full details of the motions can be downloaded at <http://www.mda.asn.au/source/ckfinder/files/2018%20Notice%20of%20AGM%20and%20Motions.pdf>

The Annual General Meeting will follow the Murray Darling Association's 74<sup>th</sup> National Conference, themed Trust. Unity. Equity GROWTH, an event featuring presentations from Australia's biggest irrigators to the newly appointed NSW Chief Regulatory Officer, Grant Barnes.

The three-day program includes presentations from industry leaders, decision makers and authorities who play a key role in Basin management.

Those wanting to attend the conference can register online at [www.mda.asn.au](http://www.mda.asn.au) or phone the association's headquarters on (03) 5480 3805.

The Murray Darling Association's board members are:

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Leeton Shire Council	Mayor Paul Maytom	0447 293 829
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