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MDA MOTIONS ANNOUNCED

From safe supplies for the Barwon-Darling and drought preparedness, to the Western River diversion and calls for a Productivity Commission inquiry into the relationship between the Basin Plan, the Ag Plan and our national water infrastructure. Councils from across the Murray Darling Basin will consider these issues and more.

The MDA has released 21 motions proposed by councils and other members to be debated when the national peak body for local government across the Murray Darling Basin holds its 75th annual meeting on Wednesday 23rd of October in Toowoomba, Queensland.

Topics covered in the proposed motions include:

- RAMSAR listing of the Menindee Lakes
- Minimum flows Barwon-Darling and Lower Darling River
- Drought preparedness
- Barwon Darling priorities – safe supply
- Integrated delivery SDLAM
- Consequences of water trade
- Water Resource Plans deadline
- Balancing solar and irrigated farming
- Regional chair post local government elections
- Proxy attendance at MDA Board meetings
- Investment in nutrient load research
- Agricultural productivity target
- Population growth
- Support for water trade inquiry
- Water Trading Platform
- Water storages accounting
- Renewable energies
- Traditional owners' recognition
- Western River Diversion
- Productivity Commission Inquiry

The notice of meeting and full details of the motions can be downloaded at

[https://www.mda.asn.au/source/ckfinder/files/2019%20AGM%20Motions%20on%20Notice\(1\).pdf](https://www.mda.asn.au/source/ckfinder/files/2019%20AGM%20Motions%20on%20Notice(1).pdf)

The Annual General Meeting will follow the Murray Darling Association's 75th National Conference, exploring the challenges and opportunities of intensifying agriculture sustainably, and themed 'Regeneration for a healthy basin', an event featuring presentations from Australia's biggest irrigators, and leading water experts from across the Basin.

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 or phone the association's headquarters on (03) 5480 3805.

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