



REGIONAL LEADERSHIP FAQs

Q. Why should my council chair our region?

To contribute to a secure, sustainable water supply and a healthy Murray-Darling Basin

- raise the profile and influence of your council, your region and the local government sector
- direct relationships with state and federal ministers, departments and agencies responsible for water management
- strong bonds with state, regional local government associations, and ALGA.

Q. What is the role of a regional chair?

To provide regional leadership

- serve on the national MDA board
- collaborate on opportunities for sustainability and economic development.

Q. What does my council need to do?

To appoint delegates to the MDA, usually Mayor and CEO/GM

- facilitate four region meetings a year
- attend monthly board meetings – digital, video and some face-to-face
- participate in CEO/GM network
- offer some secretariat support.

Out-of-pocket costs vary from region-to-region, and may include

- current membership
- meeting costs
- officer time
- some travel for regional representation.

Q. How much will it cost?

Q. Other benefits in providing regional leadership?

To contribute local knowledge to state and federal decisions that impact your community

- help form MDA strategic direction
- engage and collaborate with other regions
- support neutral/beneficial social and economic impacts on your community as water availability changes.

Q. Is being a delegate only open to the Mayor and CEO/GM of the chairing council?

The position of council is best represented by the Mayor and CEO/GM, particularly at national board and ministerial level.

The regional chair is responsible for representing the position of council and its region, even if that position differs from personal views.

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