

2024 STATE CONFERENCE MOTIONS

Dear members,

The Policy Committee is now calling for the submission of motions to be debated at the 2024 State Conference which will be held at The Mantra in Bunbury, on the 30th – 31st August.

Conference motions and debates reflect the views of the membership and help to form our policies. It is important we debate issues of significance to local communities in Western Australia as the outcomes will demonstrate what sets the Nationals WA apart from other parties. These debates also help develop our discussion papers and outline our stance on various topics. This is an opportunity to examine **the big issues in Western Australia** and for Branches and Electorate Councils to influence the policy direction of the Nationals WA.

Motions submitted to the Policy Committee for inclusion in the Conference Agenda will need to fit the following criteria.

1. **The motion has current significance** – it will bring about economic, social or environmental **improvement in Western Australia**. We are looking for issues that really matter to Western Australia **and are solution focused**.
2. **The motion has widespread benefits** – a motion which can be applied WA wide will be prioritised over a motion which benefits only one community. **Does the motion apply to the whole state, one region, several regions or specific cities/towns?**
3. **The motion fills a gap for the Nationals WA** – there is no, or limited, existing policy on this issue.
4. **The motion adds value to an existing policy** – a motion which provides more information, a specific direction or clear actions which add to existing Nationals WA policy.
5. **The motion creates a point of difference for the Nationals WA** – debating motions helps develop our election commitments and outline our stance on various topics.

Local issues are very important and can still be submitted as motions to State Conference on the understanding that priority will be given to motions of state-wide **significance**.

Any motions not debated at State Conference due to time constraints will be referred to future State Council meetings for resolution. Branches and Electorate Councils are

also encouraged to submit motions highlighting local issues to State Council throughout the year.

To streamline debate, motions similar in nature submitted by more than one branch may be merged, in consultation with respective submitting branches.

A lot of work goes into developing the agenda for Conference and deterring the order of motions. If submitting multiple motions, please prioritise in order of importance.

The Policy Committee will be working on a tight timeframe with the following deadlines:

5 May	Motion submissions open
28 June	Final date for receipt of motion submissions
1 – 26 July	Policy Committee to check motions, seek further information, merge similar motions and determine order
26 July	Reviewed motions finalised

It is important that you call a Branch and/or Electorate Council meeting in the next few weeks to determine your motions as every motion must be accompanied with meeting minutes. To be considered, motions need to be submitted with the above timeframes, using the motion template and with relevant supporting material.

For further information on the motion submission process for State Conference, please do not hesitate to contact me at heidi.tempra@nationalswa.com or 0407 193 761.

Please click [here](#) to download a copy of the letter calling for motions.

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Kind regards

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