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MTAA CONGRATULATES PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY ALBANESE

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) has today congratulated the new Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, and the Australian Labor Party on winning the Federal Election and forming government.

MTAA CEO, Ian Burgess, said the industry looked forward to continuing its working relationship with Prime Minister Albanese and his team into this important next term of government.

“MTAA has been fortunate to have built a solid and very constructive working relationship with the PM’s team while in opposition, and we’re very keen to see that continue now into government to help deliver the needed positive policies that will benefit everyday Australians,” Mr Burgess said.

“The MedTech industry is also extremely pleased to have received an election commitment from the Minister-designate for Health and Ageing, the Hon. Mark Butler MP, to honour the four-year Protheses List Agreement signed between MTAA and the Commonwealth.”

“As we begin the next term of parliament, MTAA is prepared and willing to continue working tirelessly for our members and the industry to champion the important health policy opportunities that will see Australia into the future, and ensure Australians maintain access to world-leading and life-saving medical technologies.”

The Albanese Government’s election commitment to the Protheses List can be found [here](#).

MTAA also thanked former Prime Minister, the Hon. Scott Morrison MP, for his service to Australia and its people.

“MTAA thanks Mr Morrison for his service to our nation, particularly during the global pandemic” Mr Burgess said.

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Did you know?

1. During COVID-19 the medical technology industry provided 7,500 ventilators, tens of millions of COVID-19 testing kits, and countless items of PPE including masks and gowns.
2. The medical technology industry currently employs more than 19,000 people.
3. The industry is highly skilled with over 52% of employees having a tertiary qualification, and 25% having a postgraduate qualification.
4. More than half of Australian medical device companies have grown from start-ups. 40% of all medical device businesses have been established since 2000.
5. Medical technology (7.76%) is second only to Civil Engineering (8.5%) and pharmaceuticals in third (6.3%) when it comes to filing patents for innovative technology.

About MTAA

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) is the national association representing companies in the medical technology industry. MTAA aims to ensure the benefits of modern, innovative and reliable medical technology are delivered effectively to provide better health outcomes to the Australian community.

MTAA represents manufacturers and suppliers of medical technology used in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and management of disease and disability. The range of medical technology is diverse with products ranging from familiar items such as syringes and wound dressings, through to high-technology implanted devices such as pacemakers, defibrillators, hip and other orthopaedic implants. Products also include hospital and diagnostic imaging equipment such as ultrasounds and magnetic resonance imaging machines.

MTAA members distribute the majority of the non-pharmaceutical products used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and disability in Australia. Our member companies also play a vital role in providing healthcare professionals with essential education and training to ensure safe and effective use of medical technology.