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MTAA ENDORSES THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

To mark the National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week, the Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) has announced its endorsement of The Voice to Parliament referendum.

MTAA supports the Uluru Statement from The Heart, including a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have poorer access to healthcare, shorter life expectancy and worse health outcomes, with a burden of disease 2.3 times that of other Australians. As a nation, we must address this health inequity, and to achieve this, we must ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can inform and influence policy decisions that affect their health.

We recognise that some people, including some of our members and their employees, may hold different views on the referendum. We encourage everyone to take the time to become informed, understand the facts, and realise their position before casting their vote in the referendum later this year.

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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.