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THE WORK CONTINUES TO DELIVER ON MEDICAL ADVANCES FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) welcomes the Federal Government's response to *'The New Frontier: Delivering better health for all Australians'* Report handed down last night.

The landmark inquiry, tabled two years ago, by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care, and Sport with considerable input and collaboration from the industry, set a significant and achievable agenda to deliver access to the medical advances all Australians should have access to when they need it.

Critically, it tabled recommendations that would assist the Government in working towards its ambition set out in the recent Intergenerational Report (IGR) of the potential of advances in medical technologies to ensure Australians live longer, healthier and more productive lives.

In order to achieve this, Government must seize on this opportunity with bold and future focused reforms, many of which had been set out in the Report. It is clear from the Government's response to the recommendations, more can and must be done, particularly to improve Health Technology Assessment (HTA) processes for medical devices. The Independent Review of the HTA process is simply one of a number of reforms that require our focus.

MTAA, and its members, will continue to be willing partners with the Government to deliver this.

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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.