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MTAA WELCOMES HEALTH INVESTMENT

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) has welcomed the Government's second Federal Budget, and its investments into health care and improving health outcomes for Australians.

MTAA agrees that Medicare is the foundation of Australia's primary health care system, and commends the Government for investing \$5.7 billion, over five years from 2022-23, to strengthen Medicare and make it cheaper and easier to see a doctor.

The Government announced it was tripling the incentive paid to GPs to bulk bill consultations for families with children under 16 years, pensioners and Commonwealth concession card holders. This will support 11.6 million Australians to access a GP with no out-of-pocket costs, meaning more people will be able to seek the critical care they need.

MTAA welcomes the Government's investment of \$61 million, over four years, for the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) delivery of "public good activities," and encourages the Government to continue to work with industry to better develop fit-for-purpose and internationally competitive funding arrangements for TGA.

MTAA is also supportive of the Government's investment of \$23.6 million to remedy previous changes to MBS orthopaedic items which are said to have impeded patient access to orthopaedic procedures.

MTAA looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Government, Minister Butler and the Department to ensure Australians are able to access the life-saving medical devices they need.

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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.