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MTAA WELCOMES NEW CHAIR OF MTPCONNECT

MTAA CEO, Ian Burgess, has welcomed the appointment of the Hon Jaala Pulford as Non-Executive Director and Chair of the MTPConnect Board.

Ms Pulford served in the Victorian government as Minister for Innovation, Medical Research and the Digital Economy until her retirement in November last year, during which time she led the establishment of mRNA Victoria and helped secure pandemic scale manufacturing capability for Australia through the partnership with Moderna. She was also instrumental in bringing BioNTech to Australia to deliver further R&D and manufacturing capabilities.

On behalf of the MedTech industry, Mr Burgess explained the relationship between the two organisations, saying “The establishment of MTPConnect was, and continues to be, a vital initiative to develop stronger connections between research and industry in the medical products sector. MTAA works closely with MTPConnect in several areas, including the Clinical Translation and Commercialisation MedTech Program.”

“Ms Pulford’s appointment is another excellent opportunity for the development of the medical device industry in Australia. Under her leadership, we expect to continue to develop new technologies and help build a more resilient and competitive medical products sector.” Mr Burgess said.

MTAA thanks Sue MacLeman for her service as MTPConnect’s inaugural CEO, then Chair since 2018. “We look forward to working with Sue in her role as advisor though the initial transition”, said Mr Burgess.

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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.