



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MTAA WELCOMES ONE STOP SHOP CLINICAL TRIALS ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) has today welcomed the announcement by Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler MP, of the appointment of a new Chair of the Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG) for health and medical research, including clinical trials.

Minister Butler made the announcement while addressing MTAA's MedTech '23 Annual Conference in Sydney's International Convention Centre this morning, naming Emeritus Professor Ian Chubb AC, FAA FTSE to lead key reforms of the group.

The IGPRG was established with the agreement of all Australian health ministers to provide policy and operational oversight of the National One Stop Shop for health and medical research.

Addressing conference attendees, Minister Butler said the One Stop Shop for cutting-edge clinical trials will ensure Australian patients and researchers are among the first to benefit from new life-changing and life-saving medicines.

"I am committed to delivery on the One Stop Shop and I can't think of a better person than Professor Chubb to oversee this reform," Minister Butler said.

MTAA CEO, Ian Burgess, said the MedTech industry was looking forward to working closely with Professor Chubb in his new role and with the Minister to make the government's ambitious reform a reality.

"We were fortunate to not only have the Minister make this announcement at our conference this year, but to also have Professor Chubb in attendance as one of our panellists discussing the importance of a vibrant and efficient health and medical research operating environment in attracting more clinical trials to Australia."

The national One Stop Shop Program will transform health and medical research in Australia, by making it easier for patients, researchers and sponsors to find, conduct and participate in clinical trials and research.

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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.