



News Release

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MSD welcomes new Minister for Health

MSD today welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement that the Hon. Greg Hunt will be taking over as the Minister for Health, and Minister for Sport.

"This is very important time for the health portfolio," MSD managing director Riad El-Dada said. "We are looking forward to working closely with Minister Hunt on several important health and pharmaceutical initiatives that are in the pipeline."

MSD hopes the Minister will continue to provide Australians with world class access to medicines by expediting the PBS listing of lifesaving new treatments. The Minister will also have to make decisions regarding several post market reviews that have the potential to impact Australian patients in important therapeutic areas.

"Minister Hunt has a great understanding of the pharmaceutical industry from his time in the Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio," Mr El-Dada said. "We look forward to continuing to work with him to make sure that Australians have the best possible health outcomes."

MSD congratulates Minister Hunt on his appointment and looks forward creating a close working relationship with him.

About MSD

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