

The Hon Greg Hunt MP
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Dear Minister Hunt

Greg

Thank you for your recent letter seeking my signature on the proposed Strategic Agreement (the Agreement) between the Commonwealth of Australia and Medicines Australia and for also enclosing a copy of an Aide Memoire supporting the Agreement.

While this agreement delivers savings to the Commonwealth and as a result will impact our innovative medicines companies, it is the outcome of a constructive partnership that has focussed on delivering the best outcomes for patients, taxpayers and the medicines industry and I believe this has been achieved in a challenging fiscal environment.

Medicines Australia is prepared to accept the Agreement and the provisions that have been carefully co-designed to deliver greater certainty for the medicines industry and a stable operating environment that will further encourage the medicines industry to confidently bring new, innovative medicines to Australian patients.

I would like to commend your Office and the Department for the positive and professional way in which this process has been conducted. I would also like to thank you for your personal commitment to the success of the discussions and your honest and open approach to difficult conversations.

I too look forward to further building on a strong and trusted relationship with you, your Office and your Department.

Yours sincerely



Wes Cook
Chairman