



**The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care**

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Dear Dr Lavelle

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I am writing to provide you with the signed Strategic Agreement (the Agreement) between the Commonwealth of Australia and Medicines Australia over the period 2022-2027.

This agreement will further strengthen Australia's world-leading Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, deliver predictability and stability for the medicines industry and will support the continued listing of new, innovator medicines, during the term.

I am delighted by the ambitious and comprehensive package of reforms set out in the Agreement, which will secure access to medicines for Australians including to new, breakthrough, medicines as early as possible after they have been developed, and I thank you for the hard work that you, Elizabeth de Somer, CEO of Medicines Australia, and the rest of the Medicines Australia team has invested into negotiations with my Department over the past year.

I believe the outcome of this process reflects the positive and strong relationship between the Commonwealth and the innovator pharmaceutical sector.

My Department will engage with you closely in the coming months on the legislative amendments that would be required to give effect to the several of the reforms in the Agreement, as well as the work on Health Technology Assessment commitments scheduled to commence prior to the start of the Agreement on 1 July 2022. I encourage you to continue to work with my Department through these processes in the same positive way that you have to date.

I would like to also thank you personally for the integrity and professionalism you have displayed through the development of the Agreement. I look forward to continuing this strong relationship with you and your organisation.

Yours sincerely

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Greg Hunt

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