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Australian Pathology welcomes new Shadow Minister for Health, Chris Bowen

Australian Pathology, the peak body representing the private pathology sector in Australia, has welcomed the appointment of The Hon Chris Bowen MP to the position of Shadow Minister for Health.

AP Chief Executive Officer, Ms Liesel Wett, said that Australian Pathology has had a productive working relationship with the Shadow Cabinet and Shadow Ministry and now looked forward to a renewed relationship with the new Shadow Health Minister.

“Mr Bowen has a wealth of experience from his time in Parliament, particularly as Treasurer, and he has been a successful Minister in Government,” Ms Wett said.

“His experience makes for a good grounding to address the many challenges of the health portfolio in general, and the pathology sector’s essential role in particular.

“We look forward to working with the Shadow Minister.

“If you have ever had a biopsy, swab or a blood test, you have received this important health care service from a pathologist.”

Pathology services are critical in the assessment and diagnosis of patients and 70 per cent of medical decisions and every single cancer diagnoses rely on pathology tests.

Pathology is crucial in the management of most diseases and cancer, especially chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, hepatitis and HIV.

AP also publicly thanked the outgoing Shadow Health Minister Catherine King for her work with the pathology sector over the past six years and for her support in the development of good health policy on issues relevant to pathology service delivery to all Australians.

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