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Australian Pathology thanks The Hon Greg Hunt MP for his service as Health Minister

The peak body representing Australia's private pathology industry, Australian Pathology, today paid tribute to Health Minister, The Hon Greg Hunt MP, for his contribution to health policy during a fine Parliamentary career.

As Health Minister through the duration of the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic since early 2020, Mr Hunt's leadership has been instrumental in driving health outcomes that have made Australia the envy of the developed world.

Australian Pathology CEO, Liesel Wett, said that while formulating Australia's response to the pandemic Mr Hunt had shown a unique ability to listen closely to a wide spectrum of health industry stakeholders.

"In my experience Minister Hunt always understood that the pathology industry, and the private pathology networks particularly given the scale of the national PCR testing load, would have a critical role to play containing the spread of the COVID-19 in Australia," Ms Wett said.

"We are grateful for his acknowledgment of the important role our members would play and for factoring that into the national response.

"He deserves enormous credit for assimilating a complex mix of stakeholder positions while formulating the national health policy response and the outcomes speak for themselves.

"Of course, Greg Hunt's contribution as Minister went far beyond the pandemic response. In overseeing one of the Commonwealth's most complex portfolios Greg Hunt always brought a combination of intelligence, humanity and a desire for practical outcomes.

"He has had a successful Parliamentary career and has made a particularly strong contribution to sustaining and improving Australia's world-class healthcare system," Ms Wett said.

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