

## Media release

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### **AANMS pays tribute to Health Minister Greg Hunt**

The Australasian Association of Nuclear Medicine Specialists (AANMS) pays tribute to The Hon Greg Hunt MP, the Minister for Health and Aged Care, for his leadership of the Health portfolio over the past five years and his decades of service to the Australian people. The AANMS is a representative body of medical practitioners working to promote and advance the practice of nuclear medicine for both diagnosis and therapy.

AANMS President, Dr Geoff Schembri, thanked Mr Hunt for his support to the nuclear medicine sector and his work to improve patient access to critical nuclear medicine services. In particular, the AANMS acknowledges Mr Hunt's efforts in ensuring access to critical nuclear medicine procedures during a series of worldwide and national disruptions to nuclear medicine isotope supply over recent years. Mr Hunt also oversaw efforts to safeguard Australia's sovereign capability to produce vital nuclear medicines with the launch of a \$30 million project to design a new world-leading manufacturing facility at Lucas Heights.

"With over 700,000 nuclear medicine services delivered in Australia every year, the health of most Australians will benefit from nuclear medicine procedures in their lifetimes." said Dr Schembri.

"It has been a pleasure working with Mr Hunt's office during his time as Health Minister, and we wish him well in the next stage of his career," Dr Schembri.

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