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Roxon and Lundy's appointments welcomed

Labor's announcement of Nicola Roxon as Opposition Health spokesperson and Kate Lundy's new Health Promotion portfolio have today been welcomed by Australia's peak body representing divisions of general practice, the Australian General Practice Network (AGPN).

AGPN CEO Kate Carnell said Julia Gillard was an excellent Shadow Health Minister who was genuinely interested in finding solutions to the health issues facing Australia.

"AGPN had a great working relationship with Julia Gillard. We are looking forward to working closely with Nicola Roxon and Kate Lundy in their new roles.

"Ms Roxon has been an effective opposition spokesperson for a number of different portfolios. We are confident she will be a strong voice for primary health care in this country.

"The ALP's establishment of a Health Promotion portfolio is a welcome move for the ongoing provision of health services in this country.

"Ms Lundy has for many years played an important role in advocating the importance of sport and recreation for a healthy Australia.

"The new portfolio will build on these fundamental principles and allow for new and innovative health promotion initiatives that encourage active communities," Ms Carnell said.

The Health Promotion portfolio will see health professionals working alongside sporting organisations and the broader community in a bid to combat the growing instances of chronic diseases and obesity.

The Australia General Practice Network plays an integral role in delivering local health solutions through general practice. AGPN focus on a wellness rather than a sickness health system.

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