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Dr Emil Djakic to continue at the helm of AGPN

The Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) Board has endorsed Dr Emil Djakic for the position of AGPN Chair for a third term.

During this highly sensitive and contentious time of health reform, Dr Djakic said he is pleased to be continuing as Chair of an organisation that is at the core of changes to the primary health care system.

"Following an exceptionally volatile year politically, I look forward to progressing with the health reforms that are on offer and to pursuing the consultative measures that are needed for the Network to transition from the Divisions of General Practice to Primary Health Care Organisations (PHCOs) or "Medicare Locals" as described by the Federal Government," he said.

"AGPN is proving to be the community's 'insurance card' when it comes to reforming the primary health care sector because our members are making sure what is delivered is right for the Network and right for patients across the country.

"Reforms to the health system require the input of our members who are at the 'coalface' of primary health care and to get these reforms right, it's our job to ensure our Network is very much steering the processes and directions for the Primary Health Care Organisations to come.

"It's an exciting time for the general practice, allied health, nursing and other primary health care professionals in this country as the development of PHCOs will see fundamental changes to the way in which patients interact with the primary health care sector," Dr Djakic said.

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