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Collaboration, Competition and Contestability
**Public Problems, Private
Solutions?**

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Public problems - Private solutions?

*“We are one but we are many...”
but we currently do not sing with one voice!*

- We are divided by
 - Policy
 - Process
 - Philosophy
 - Funding

Public problems - Private solutions?

- **What we currently have is**
 - Waste
 - Duplication (high end)
 - “Cherry picking” (bottom end)
 - No one looking at “the middle”
 - Process obstacles
 - Different jurisdictional approaches
 - The perception of the “life saving” versus “life style” medicine (Public versus Private)
 - We have enough work for everyone
- **What we need is a change in approach!**

Public problems - Private solutions?

- **My Experience**
 - Public (DoH level)
 - Private & Public (LHD level)
 - Private & Public (NFP)
- **Learning's/Reflections**
 - Setting up and failing
 - Trying again with new players
 - Understanding “the price”
 - Understanding “the inclusions”
 - Understanding “timing”

Public problems - Private solutions?


- **Assumptions (Not always correct!)**
 - All “on board”
 - Resources “on tap”
 - Is “the best thing”
 - That the system is one
- **Relationships are key (But not if lost)**
 - People leave or change roles
 - Change in government - change approach
 - Falling out can mean no work!

Public problems - Private solutions?

- **Advantages for a “multi stream” NFP?**
 - Private & Public hospitals part of the one “family”
 - Co-locations
 - An intimate understanding of how it all works Public drivers vs Private drivers
 - Leveraging advantages/strengths from each “sector” from within the “family”
 - Strong relationships with both jurisdictions and our Doctors

Public problems - Private solutions?

- **Not for Profit**
 - Not different from any other “part of the system” – actually hold an advantage!
- **What we do need though is:**
 - More certainty
 - Clarity re “price” and “volume” and “type”
 - A consistent approach nationally
 - The system to play to its strengths across the sectors

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- *Calvary believes that Australian society is best served by a single health care system where the public and private sectors play complementary roles in delivering high quality, responsive and compassionate hospital, community and aged care services.*



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