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The Prospects for the Sector Under a New Government

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My Agenda

- 1) Key Issues
- 2) Prospects



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Key Issues:

Overt:

- Funding, Funding, Funding...
- Workforce, Workforce, Workforce...
- Administrative Burden



These have all been known for at least a decade

Covert:

- Lack of investment
- Competition
- Faux Market Arrangements
- Need for Local Decision Making
- Legacy of commercial influence
- Lack of understanding re economic contribution
- Tax reform



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Attributes of Strong Human Services Sector:

- Strong Partnership Between Sector and Funder – genuine collaboration in costing & planning
- Price Sustainability – indexation certainty & evidence base
- Flexibility in funding & in creating the system
- Cost of Doing Business: comprehensive costs funded, including POLR
- Local Decision Making
- Systemically focused planning regime

Systemic Perspective...



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- System Value = Public Value
- Sector is a national asset – we can invest as a nation and look to the longer term
- Approach policy as part of national infrastructure building
- Intellectual property and experience
- Irreplaceability

Sector is a critical part of the whole... but it is not the whole.

Prospects...



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- The minister
- The Royal Commissions
- The collaborative approach of the prime minister

Prospects are for lighter touch regulation

More of the same regarding the economic and policy frameworks, unless...

Way Forward...

- Systemic perspective
- Investment



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Industry Planning Framework & National Reporting Structure:

- A responsible level of investment in systemic analysis
- A responsible level of investment in systemic construction
- A responsible level of investment in public sector capacity
- A genuine partnership structure including executive capacity, funding and public transparency

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