

# Queensland's Quiet Reckoning

Queensland Health has come under increasing scrutiny in recent months, as whistleblowers are raided and complaints disappear behind closed doors. The surface appears secular, but a deeper look reveals systemic ties to religious roots that quietly persist.

Some hospitals in Queensland are still run by religious organisations. They get public money. But there are old problems no one has fixed.



## This article looks at:

- Who really runs things
- What whistleblowers have said
- What's still being hidden



## We wrote it because:

- People deserve care, not silence
- Funding should be fair
- Truth matters

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## From Sacred Origins to State Control

Queensland's care infrastructure didn't appear from nowhere. It grew from religious-run missions, orphanages, and hospitals—institutions where many survivors say harm began. The names may have changed, but many of the governing bodies remain intact.

## When Care and Control Collide

[ABC News reports](#) detail how whistleblowers in Queensland's mental health sector were subjected to police raids. These actions raise serious concerns about transparency, retaliation, and the erosion of ethical practice in health institutions.

### † Still Serving God and the State

Major service providers such as [Centacare](#) and [CatholicCare](#) receive public funding to deliver essential services across aged care, domestic violence response, and disability support. Despite the shift in branding, survivors note the enduring Catholic affiliations and minimal accountability for past abuse.

## Public Money, Private Doctrine

Services that restrict access based on faith or internal beliefs are still recipients of public funds. Yet there's little public transparency about how these services align with universal, secular care standards—or how they respond to trauma survivors.

## Toward Real Reform

Real reform means more than removing crucifixes from waiting rooms. It requires:

- Independent oversight bodies, not tied to religious institutions
- Public registers of service providers and funding sources
- Real-time complaint tracking and outcome reporting

These are not radical asks—they are essential for an ethical care economy.