



Some fact, more fantasy on proposed Calvary sale

Reading Jack Waterford on the proposed sale of Calvary Public Hospital ("The knights come to Calvary", Forum, October 3, p8) was like reading *The Da Vinci Code*.

There was some fact and more fantasy.

In fact, the Order of Malta (of which I happen to be a Conventual Chaplain) has had no corporate engagement of any kind with the negotiations concerning Calvary Hospital.

It is purely coincidental that certain individuals who have been engaged happen to be members of the Order.

Jack Waterford has now written two lengthy pieces on this negotiation.

In both, he has scrutinised the claims and motives of those who, like myself, remain unconvinced that the sale would be in the interests of either the ACT community or Catholic health care.

At no point has he subjected to

similar scrutiny the claims and motives of the ACT Government or Little Company of Mary Health Care. One wonders why. For that kind of scrutiny, we may have to await a third piece, which could help the public consultation to be something other than political theatre.

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