

Health represents one of the most lucrative and resilient sectors of construction in Australia, reports BCI Australia.

BCI Australia, the leading provider of project leads information in Australia & Southeast Asia, has compiled a report titled '*Construction in the Health Sector – Trends, Players & Business Opportunities*'. It will be released on Tuesday, 8th September. The report is in response to the \$3.1 billion in funding allocated to the health industry in the 2009/2010 Federal Budget. It claims that despite the Federal Government heading towards a \$50 billion deficit, health seems almost 'recession-proof' when it comes to an injection of funding.

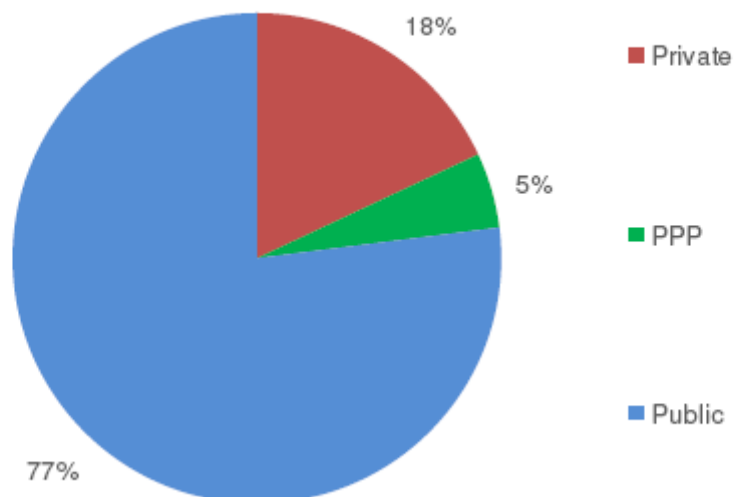
The report examines each of the key funding areas and reveals the major projects involved. It analyses health trends in Australia from 2006-2009 according to ownership, project stage and state-by-state breakdown. The report also includes information relating to the GP Super Clinics & provides a highly sought after list of the 'Who's Who in Health'.

CEO of BCI Group, Matthias Krups, commented: 'The health sector is a multi-billion dollar industry that has as much to do with medicine and good treatment practices as with bricks and mortar. Our government is currently investing heavily in hospital infrastructure – it would be a shame if this money couldn't find its way to the most competitive contractors and the most innovative material suppliers simply due to the lack of information. This is where we see BCI come in.'

Extract:

- The value of all health related projects reported by BCI during the fiscal year 2008/2009 was \$19.4 billion, up close to 100% from the financial year 2007/2008. This increase occurred despite severe economic downturn in the construction sector as a whole.
- According to BCI data, in the FY 2008/2009, \$2.17 billion worth of health projects entered the construction stage.
- According to BCI data, 77% of all hospital projects reported between 2006 and 2009 were government owned while 18% were private and a mere 5% a joint venture between the private and public sector.

Graph 1.1.1: BCI Health Projects by Ownership



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