


IT 2145 - Income tax : BHP awards for the pursuit of excellence - whether assessable income

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- BHP AWARDS FOR THE
PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE
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PREAMBLE BHP Awards for the Pursuit of Excellence are made to
Australians who have made outstanding contributions to the
pursuit of excellence in their particular fields of endeavour
and who may not yet be recognised for their achievements.

2. Each of the winners receives a prize of \$40,000 plus a
trophy in recognition of that person's work and as an
encouragement for the future. The winners are chosen from six
categories which are claimed to cover every occupation and
pursuit so that entry is open to all whether by nomination of
others or self nomination. Judging of the nominees is by
special panels including experts in the particular category. It
appears that anyone who has achieved excellence will be eligible
in one category or another except employees of BHP, its
subsidiaries and associated companies and its advertising and
associated agencies. Those employees are not eligible to enter
achievements from projects related directly to their paid
employment.

RULING 3. Although undoubtedly it will be the case that awards
sometimes will be made in respect of achievements directly
related to a winner's vocation, business, etc., the nature of
the award is that of a personal windfall or gain not having the
qualities of income. Such awards therefore, will not, be
assessable income in the hands of recipients.

COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION
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