


PR 2000/52A - Addendum - Income tax: Gunns Plantations Woodlot Project 2000

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Addendum

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At paragraph 14:

Delete:

- Facsimiles from Gunns Plantations dated 7 April 2000, 28 April 2000, 30 April 2000 and 1 May 2000.

Replace with:

- Facsimiles, correspondence and attachments from Gunns Plantations dated 7 April 2000, 28 April 2000, 30 April 2000, 1 May 2000, 13 December 2000 and 13 June 2001.

Add to the Ruling part of the Product Ruling at paragraph 35:

Division 35 – deferral of losses from non-commercial business activities

Section 35-55 – Commissioner’s discretion

35.1. For a Grower who is an individual and who entered the Project on or after 10 May 2000 and prior to any withdrawal of this Product Ruling, the rule in section 35-10 may apply to the business activity comprised by their involvement in this Project. Under paragraph 35-55(1)(b) the Commissioner has decided that the rule in section 35-10 does not apply to this business activity for the income years specified below:

- for an Option 1 Grower, the income years ended 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2014;
- for an Option 2 Grower, the income years ended 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2011; and
- for an Option 3 Grower, the income years ended 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2013,

provided that the Project has been, and continues to be, carried on in a manner that is not materially different to the arrangement described in this Ruling.

35.2. This exercise of the discretion in subsection 35-55(1) will not be required where for any year in question:

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- a Grower's business activity satisfies one of the objective tests in sections 35-30, 35-35, 35-40 or 35-45; or
- the 'Exception' in subsection 35-10(4) applies.

35.3. Where either the Grower's business activity satisfies one of the objective tests, the discretion in subsection 35-55(1) is exercised, or the Exception in subsection 35-10(4) applies, section 35-10 will not apply. This means that a Grower will not be required to defer any excess of deductions attributable to their business activity in excess of any assessable income from that activity, i.e., any 'loss' from that activity, to a later year. Instead, this 'loss' can be offset against other assessable income for the year in which it arises.

35.4. Growers are reminded of the important statement made on Page 1 of this Product Ruling. Therefore, Growers should not see the Commissioner's decision to exercise the discretion in paragraph 35-55(1)(b) as an indication that the Tax Office sanctions or guarantees the Project or the product to be a commercially viable investment. An assessment of the Project or the product from such a perspective has not been made.

Commissioner of Taxation

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