# PR 2000/57A - Addendum - Income tax: Chateau Xanadu Vineyards II

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## Addendum

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Product Ruling PR 2000/57 is amended with effect from today.

#### Add to paragraph 2 in the Tax law(s) part of the Product Ruling:

• Division 35 (ITAA 1997).

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# Division 35 – Deferral of losses from non-commercial business activities

#### Section 35-55 – Commissioner's discretion

- 55.1 For a Grower who is an individual and who entered the Project between 17 May 2000 and 27 May 2001 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 for the income years ended 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2002 that the rule in section 35-10 does not apply to this business activity 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.
- 55.2 This exercise of the discretion in subsection 35-55(1) will not be required where, for any year in question:
  - the exception in subsection 35-10(4) applies;
  - a Grower's business activity satisfies one of the tests in sections 35-30, 35-35, 35-40 or 35-45; or
  - the Grower's business activity produces assessable income for an income year greater than the deductions attributable to it for that year (apart from the operation of subsection 35-10(2)); or
  - the Commissioner is precluded from exercising the discretion under paragraph 35-55(1)(b) because of subsection 35-55(2).
- 55.3 Where the exception in subsection 35-10(4) applies, the Grower's business activity satisfies one of the tests, or the discretion in subsection 35-55(1) is exercised, section 35-10 will not apply. This means that a Grower will not be required to defer any excess of

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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.

55.4 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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