



PR 2000/93W - Income tax: Margaret River Wine Business (Project No.2)

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Product Ruling

Income tax: Margaret River Wine Business (Project No.2)

Preamble

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Withdrawal

1. Product Ruling PR 2000/93 set out the Commissioner's view on the tax consequences for entities participating in the Margaret River Wine Business (Project No.2) (the Project) by entering into a Lease Agreement and a Management Agreement for the purpose of carrying on a commercial viticulture and wine production business. The Ruling was withdrawn on 1 July 2003 as interests in the Project were no longer being sold.

2. Although withdrawn, the Ruling continues to apply to Members who were accepted to participate in the Project between 23 August 2000 and 31 December 2000. It may therefore be relied upon subject to there being no material difference in the arrangement, or in the Members' involvement in the arrangement.

3. PR 2000/93 ruled that Members could claim deductions for lease and management fees although the deductibility of losses was subject to the non-commercial loss rules in Division 35 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Division 35). The Commissioner exercised his discretion to allow losses for each income year from 2000-01 to 2003-04 to be offset against other assessable income. Losses incurred in later years were required to be deferred unless certain conditions were met (see paragraphs 50 to 52 of PR 2000/93).

4. On 24 September 2008 the Supreme Court of Western Australia ordered that the scheme be wound up. The termination of the Project's Agreements on 19 March 2009 meant that Growers were no longer carrying on their own business and, although no further Project fees were incurred, losses after that date are not subject to Division 35.

Commissioner of Taxation

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Related Rulings/Determinations:

PR 1999/95; TR 92/1; TR 97/11;
TR 97/16; TD 93/34; IT 175;
IT 2001; TR 92/20; TR 98/22

Subject references:

- carrying on a business
- commencement of business
- fee expenses
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- primary production expenses
- management fee expenses
- producing assessable income
- product rulings
- public rulings
- schemes and shams
- taxation administration
- tax avoidance
- tax benefits under tax avoidance schemes
- tax shelters projects

Legislative references:

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- ITAA 1997 8-1
- ITAA 1997 17-5
- ITAA 1936 82KL
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