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Taxation Determination

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1. Interest derived from infrastructure borrowings is tax exempt. Section 159GZZZZF ensures that an investor can have deductions for interest incurred on funds borrowed for the purpose of investing in infrastructure borrowings, as if the interest derived from infrastructure borrowings were not exempt.

2. The extent to which interest paid by an investor on a loan used for the full purchase price of infrastructure borrowings will be tax deductible depends on an investor's particular circumstances. In order for the interest to be deductible the investor must have entered into the loan solely for the purpose of funding the investment in or acquisition of the infrastructure borrowings. One indicator that the investor had a purpose other than, or in addition to, funding the infrastructure borrowings would be where the deductions in relation to the infrastructure borrowings are greater than the exempt return on the infrastructure borrowings grossed up by the investor's marginal tax rate as it would be but for the infrastructure borrowing investment and any related income and deductions.

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