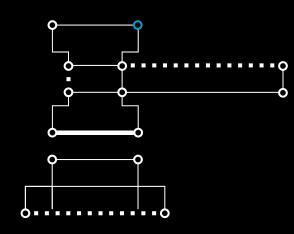
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The capital revenue distinction in the current judicial landscape

Whether an amount is on capital or revenue account is a perennial issue for tax practitioners. The characterisation of an expense requires a critical analysis between the circumstances in which an amount is incurred and the application of legal principles. Tax practitioners should be equipped with an expert understanding of how the Courts have recently approached these issues and be able to identify and advise in areas where there continues to be uncertainty.

Join us for a 6-part webinar series scheduled throughout July and August where our presenters will consider each of the recent High Court and Federal Court decisions on this issue. The series will culminate in a facilitated panel discussion made up of tax and legal experts. Our all-star line-up of leading tax professionals will guide you through the issues, share their insights and provide practical solutions to the challenges experienced by practitioners in this area.

Topics

- Part 1: Origin Energy Limited v Commissioner of Taxation (No 2) [2020]
- Part 2: *Healius Limited v Commissioner of Taxation* [2019] FCA 2011
- Part 3: Mussalli v Commissioner of Taxation [2020] FCA 544
- Part 4: Commissioner of Taxation v Sharpcan Pty Limited [2019] HCA 36
- Part 5: Watson as Trustee for the Murrindindi Bushfire Class Action Settlement Fund v Commissioner of Taxation [2020] FCAFC 92
- Part 6: Panel discussion on recent capital v revenue decisions

Who should attend?

The series has been designed specifically for tax professionals working in-house or advising SME, large and multinational corporates.

Presenters

Mathew Chamberlain, CTA EY

Fiona Knight, CTA

Australian Taxation Office

Rachel Law, CTA

Hall & Wilcox Lawyers

Kaitilin Lowdon, ATI

Arnold Bloch Leibler

Claire Nicholson, CTA Victorian Bar

Ari Rosenbaum King & Wood Mallesons

Jerome Tse, CTA King & Wood Mallesons

Anna Wilson, FTI Victorian Bar

Registration options

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Webinar schedule

Friday, 24 July 2020

Friday, 31 July 2020

Friday, 7 August 2020

Friday, 14 August 2020

Friday, 21 August 2020

Friday, 28 August 2020

Time: 10:30-11:30am AEST

Location: Online

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Technical program

Date / Time	Topic	Presenter		
	Part 1: <i>Origin Energy Limited v Commissioner of Taxation</i> (No 2) [2020]	Anna Wilson, FTI Victorian Bar		
Friday, 24 July 2020	This case arose in the context of the privatisation of the retail sale of electricity in NSW. The question before the court was whether "capacity charges" paid by Origin in the 2011, 2012 and 2013 tax years were deductible either under section 8-1 or section 40-880. In this session, Anna will address:	VICTORIALI Bai		
	 the factors that led the court to determine that the charges were capital in nature and therefore not deductible under section 8-1; the court's analysis of section 40-880 and the relevant exclusions to it, being the exclusions in ss 40-880(5)(d) and 40-880(5)(f). 			
	Part 2: <i>Healius Limited v Commissioner of Taxation</i> [2019] FCA 2011	Rachel Law, CTA Hall & Wilcox Lawyers		
Friday, 31 July 2020	In this case, the Federal Court found that lump sum payments made by the Taxpayer to acquire medical practices were deductible under section 8-1 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. This session will discuss in detail the facts of the Healius case as well as Perram J's reasoning for allowing a deduction. It will also focus on the broader implications of the decision for the purpose of determining the distinction between capital/revenue and how the judgement may be relevant in practice.	Tiali & Wilcox Lawyers		
Friday, 7 August 2020	Part 3: Mussalli v Commissioner of Taxation [2020] FCA 544	Ari Rosenbaum		
	Ari will be presenting on <i>Mussalli v Commissioner of Taxation</i> [2020] FCA 544, a case which considers the tax treatment for payments described as "prepaid rent" and paid by a franchisee to a franchisor upon entering into lease and license agreements. The presentation will:	King & Wood Mallesons		
	 provide an overview of the principles confirmed by the Court as being relevant to determining whether an outgoing is of a capital or revenue nature; focus on the key issues identified by the Court in finding for the Commissioner that the payments were on capital account and therefore not deductible; and explore the practical implications of the decision. 			
	Part 4: Commissioner of Taxation v Sharpcan Pty Ltd [2019] HCA 36	Kaitilin Lowdon, ATI		
	In Sharpcan, the High Court unanimously held that payments made by	Arnold Bloch Leibler		
Friday, 14 August 2020	the trustee of the Daylesford Royal Hotel Trust to the Victorian State Government for 16 gaming machine entitlements were on capital account and not deductible under section 8-1 of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act</i> 1997. The session will consider the reasoning of the High Court and Thawley J (who, dissenting in the Full Federal Court, also held the payments were on capital account). The session will also consider whether the High Court has established a new test to be used when considering questions of revenue or capital outgoings.			
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Presenter profiles

Led by tax practitioners for tax professionals

Mathew Chamberlain, CTA is a partner at EY and leads their Perth International Tax group. A legal practitioner admitted in WA and NSW, he has more than 27 years' experience in international tax, focusing on the large multinational and corporate environments across Australia, the US, Europe, Asia-Pacific and Africa. Mathew specialises in international tax reform, foreign investment into Australia and outbound investment from Australia. A long-time member of The Tax Institute, Mathew has presented at national and state conventions on international tax issues and has also lectured on tax law at the University of Western Australia and Curtin University, at both postgraduate and undergraduate level. Mathew has led and participated in a number of government and ATO initiatives, working groups etc. on international tax law and policy issues affecting Australian inbound and outbound investment, including through the development of professional body and EY submissions.

Fiona Knight, CTA, is an Assistant Commissioner at the ATO. She has over 20 years experience in taxation law and administration. Fiona currently works in the Tax Counsel Network providing advice on the most complex technical issues in audit, litigation and legislative development with a focus on anti-avoidance provisions. She is a member of the ATO's General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR) Panel and has previously worked in the Large Business & International and Litigation areas of the ATO.

Rachel Law, CTA is a Senior Associate in the Hall & Wilcox tax team who specialises in direct taxes and tax disputes. Rachel's areas of experience include advising on a variety of domestic and international tax laws. Specifically, her experience includes dealing with the tax issues associated with cross-border transactions, tax consolidation, capital gains tax, income tax, managed investment funds and employment tax.

Kaitilin Lowdon, ATI, is a Senior Associate in the market-leading taxation practice of Arnold Bloch Leibler. Kaitilin has acted on a variety of high-profile and complex tax audits and disputes with the ATO, advising clients on all stages of the dispute process, including negotiation outcomes with the ATO. Kaitilin advises a range of clients, including high net wealth individuals, some of Australia's largest family groups and public companies.

Claire Nicholson, CTA, is a barrister practising predominantly in taxation and commercial law. Claire is experienced in advising on and appearing in litigious matters about a wide variety of taxes, both State and Federal.

Ari Rosenbaum, is a Senior Associate in the tax team at King & Wood Mallesons. His practice includes acting for, and advising, clients in matters that cover a range of taxes including income tax, GST, stamp duties, employment taxes and other taxes at a federal, state and territory level. Ari regularly assists large multi-national corporations in managing the tax issues that arise on mergers and acquisitions, business and asset transfers, joint ventures. property transactions and financial transactions as well as audits and disputes. He has significant experience in negotiating with the ATO, other regulators and various stakeholders and has run a number of cases at first instance and on appeal.

Jerome Tse, CTA, is a Partner at King & Wood Mallesons, specialising in taxation disputes and litigation.
Jerome advises corporate taxpayers on all aspects of Australian tax disputes from the audit and independent review stage through to High Court litigation. He also guides clients through alternative dispute resolution processes, advance pricing agreements and mutual agreement procedures.

Anna Wilson, FTI, specialises in taxation, insolvency and related matters. She acts for the Commissioner and the taxpayer in both State and Federal jurisdictions. Her practice extends to tax technical and structuring advice, tax investigations and audits, private rulings and objections, through to litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Anna also acts in regulatory/disciplinary matters such as those involving registration with the Tax Practitioners Board and/or membership of professional accounting associations. She was involved in the superannuation round of the Financial Services Royal Commission and acts in disputes between members of self-managed superannuation funds. Anna has extensive experience as a tax and commercial specialist in large law firms having worked for over 10 years with Norton Rose Fulbright, including 15 months in Munich, Germany and two years with Gadens in Melbourne. She commenced her legal career working mainly in property law before concentrating on tax from 2008. Anna obtained her law and science degrees (majoring in mathematics and physics) from Monash University and has a Masters of Taxation Law from Melbourne University, where she was awarded the Graham Hill Taxation Law prize. Anna now lectures in the Masters program at Melbourne University, teaching the subject Capital Gains Tax: Problems in Practice, Anna is fluent in German and is accredited as a professional translator from German into English.

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