



Up Again: Australia

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Foreign investment in Australian real estate: 2020/2021 tax update

16 December 2020

This update provides an overview of the key Australian taxation developments in 2020 that impact on foreign investment in Australian real estate. While the Australian Federal and State Governments have focussed on expenditure measures to stimulate the economy this year, due to the significant impact of COVID-19, there are still a number of important tax developments that foreign investors and managers should be aware of in relation to their existing and future investments in Australia. We are optimistic that 2021 will see growing interest and foreign investment into the Australian real estate sector as the global economy gradually recovers from COVID-19.

Australian Federal Budget 2020-21

6 October 2020

The Australian Treasurer, the Hon Josh Frydenberg, delivered the 2020/21 Federal Budget on 6 October, 2020 and as widely anticipated, the key focuses were on firstly, bringing forward to 1 July, 2020 the effective date of previously legislated personal income tax cuts and secondly, expanding significant economic stimulus initiatives.

Mass layoffs and collective redundancies guide

6 October 2020

As COVID-19 continues to impact the global economy in unprecedented ways, companies that have had to scale back or shut down operations are bracing for what the next few months will bring, and what this means for their workforces. In this guide, we examine key considerations for employers looking to make permanent reductions in force across APAC.

Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment Framework

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

Where to from here in Australia? Key upcoming trends in the consumer goods, food and retail industries

23 July 2020

States and territories across Australia have been in various stages of lockdown over the past four months. With recent announcements by the prime minister and respective premiers, many parts of Australia (but not Victoria) are now slowly emerging into a new normal. Consumer-facing industries will not be immune to this shift, and effects will be felt across retail, food and beverage and fast-moving consumer goods industries. These industries will need to adapt to changing consumer demands and preferences.

This article is one of the first in a series under our Up Again campaign, to highlight the issues facing businesses as they emerge from lockdown and seek to navigate the challenges ahead. In this article, we explore the key themes and trends that we expect will affect the retail, food and beverage, and fast-moving consumer goods industries over the next six to 12 months and beyond.
