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# IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

#### BETWEEN:

## GODOLPHIN AUSTRALIA PTY LTD ACN 093921021

Appellant

and

### CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF STATE REVENUE

Respondent

### **APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY**

**Part I:** This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

#### Part II:

Date	Event	Core Appeal
		<b>Book Reference</b>
2001	Appellant commences breeding operations offering	CAB103 [49]
	stallion servicing.	
2001-2007	Appellant focuses on developing farms and building	CAB125 [134]
	brand and market share.	
2008	Appellant acquires bloodstock and property assets	CAB103 [49]
	(including properties in question) from Inghams	
	Bloodstock.	
31 December	Appellant's bloodstock assets (broodmares, stallion	CAB143-4
2013	interests, foals and yearlings) valued at \$297,192,311	[203]
	and racing stock valued at \$82,629,350.	
	For the year ended 31 December 2013, stallion	
	covering generates revenue of \$34,153,866 (net	
	income of \$25,922,000), sale of horses generates	

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	revenue of \$12,134,050 (net income of \$3,794,000)	
	and prize money generates revenue of \$16,270,898	
	(net loss of \$13,784,000).	
1 August	Appellant begins racing in Australia under	CAB103 [49]
2014	Godolphin banner.	
31 December	Appellant's bloodstock assets valued at \$286,859,900	CAB143-4
2014	and racing stock valued at \$76,697,885.	[203]
	For the year ended 31 December 2014, stallion	
	covering generates revenue of \$27,731,437 (net	
	income of \$17,911,000), sale of horses generates	
	revenue of \$4,970,450 (net income of \$4,255,000)	
	and prize money generates revenue of \$13,581,290	
	(net loss of \$14,189,000).	
31 December	Appellant's bloodstock assets valued at \$293,471,077	CAB143-5
2015	and racing stock valued at \$55,795,199.	[203]
	For the year ended 31 December 2015, stallion	
	covering generates revenue of \$32,227,083 (net	
	income of \$20,925,000), sale of horses generates	
	revenue of \$19,489,950 (net income of \$3,243,000)	
	and prize money generates revenue of \$15,095,076	
	(net loss of \$16,806,000).	
31 December	Appellant's bloodstock assets valued at \$217,468,032	CAB143-5
2016	and racing stock valued at \$57,358,731.	[203]
	For the year ended 31 December 2016, stallion	
	covering generates revenue of \$27,226,037 (net	
	income of \$19,242,000), sale of horses generates	
	revenue of \$18,355,444 (net income of \$11,986,000)	
	and prize money generates revenue of \$19,678,953	
	(net loss of \$13,052,000).	
31 December	Appellant's bloodstock valued at \$182,167,296 and	CAB143-5
2017	racing stock valued at \$49,768,599.	[203]

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			<b>Book Reference</b>	
	For the year	ar ended 31 December 2017, stallion		
	covering g	covering generates revenue of \$28,058,150 (net		
	income of	\$22,260,000), sale of horses generates		
	revenue of	\$14,080,500 (net income of \$13,264,000)		
	and prize r	noney generates revenue of \$18,236,694		
	(net loss of	f \$12,899,000).		
31 December	Appellant'	s bloodstock assets valued at \$178,406,086	CAB143-5	
2018	and racing	stock valued at \$56,492,597.	[203]	
	For the yea	ar ended 31 December 2018, stallion		
	covering g	enerates revenue of \$20,623,431(net		
	income of	\$13,401,000), sale of horses generates		
	revenue of	\$\$10,400,357 (net income of \$7,364,000)		
	and prize r	noney generates revenue of \$19,948,339		
	(net loss of	f \$12,065,000).		
18 April	Responder	CAB122 [123]		
2019	2014 - 201	9 land tax years after the Respondent	CAB158	
	conducted	a site visit of the properties including		
	findings th	at:		
	(i)	in relation to Woodlands, the horse		
		breeding operation was not a primary		
		production use;		
	(ii)	in relation to Kelvinside, due to the scale		
		and intensity of the stallion servicing		
		operation, this was considered to be the		
		dominant use of the property but that was		
		not considered to be a primary production		
		use.		
11 June 2019	Appellant	objects to each of the land tax assessments	CAB158	
	for the 201	4 - 2019 land tax years ( <b>Objections</b> ).		
12 November	Respondent disallows the Appellant's Objections.		CAB158	
2019				

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20 December	Appellant commences proceedings in the Supreme	
2019	Court of New South Wales.	
31 December	Appellant's bloodstock assets valued at \$178,662,425	CAB143-6
2019	and racing stock valued at \$49,448,327.	[203]
	For the year ended 31 December 2019, stallion	
	covering generates revenue of \$24,730,662 (net	
	income of \$17,869,000), sale of horses generates	
	revenue of \$10,280,000 (net income of \$9,773,000)	
	and prize money generates revenue of \$34,327,457	
	(net loss of \$167,000).	
2020	Appellant's stallion roster includes stallion 'Exceed	CAB108 [68]
	and Excel' (commanding fees of \$132,000 per	
	cover); progeny of Exceed and Excel sell for over	
	\$1million each at the Gold Coast Yearling Sale.	
18 February	Respondent provides land tax reassessments for the	CAB158
2020	2014 – 2019 land tax years dated 14 February 2020	
	(Reassessments).	
28 February	Appellant objects to each of the Reassessments	CAB158
2020	(Second Objections).	
19 March	Second Objections "part-allowed"; Respondent	CAB7 [1];
2020	provides amended assessment notices.	CAB159
20 July 2020	Respondent provides reassessments for the 2017 –	CAB7 [1];
	2019 land tax years ( <b>2017 – 2019 Reassessments</b> ).	CAB159
10 August	Appellant objects to each of the 2017 – 2019	CAB159
2020	Reassessments (2017 – 2019 Objections).	
20 August	Respondent disallows the 2017 – 2019 Objections.	CAB159
2020		
16-18 August	Hearing in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.	CAB5
2021		
18 August	Respondent files Closing Written Submissions	CAB13 [24]
2021	accepting that stallion covering involves the	

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	maintenance of animals for the purpose of selling	
	their bodily produce.	
13 April	Judgment of the Supreme Court of New South	CAB5-76
2022	Wales.	
11 July 2022	Respondent files Notice of Appeal with the Court of	CAB77-82
	Appeal of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.	
20 October	Appellant files Notice of Contention.	CAB130 [157]
2022		
29-30	Hearing of the appeal in the Court of Appeal of the	CA83
November	Supreme Court of New South Wales.	
2022		
20 March	Judgment of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme	CAB83-153
2023	Court of New South Wales.	
17 April	Appellant files application for special leave to	
2023	appeal.	
13 October	The High Court of Australia grants special leave to	CAB171-172
2023	appeal.	
25 October	Appellant files Notice of Appeal in the High Court of	CAB173-175
2023	Australia.	
1 November	Respondent files Notice of Contention.	CAB176-178
2023		

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