

THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY

IMPORTANT

#: 0083-97
DATE: January 13, 1997
TO: All Participants
FROM: Dividend Department
ATTENTION: Managing Partner / Officer, Cashier

SUBJECT: The First Australia Fund And First Australia Prime Income Fund

The attached correspondence containing tax information was received by the Depository Trust Company.

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Assistant Supervisor
Dividend Department

Attachment



**Inter-Office
Memo**

To: Broker Dealer Community
From: Christine Yacuk
Date: January 4, 1997
Subject: Fund 1099 Reporting

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The following investment companies have passed through a foreign tax credit for the 1996 calendar year.

**CLOSED-END FUND
1996 FORM 1099-DIV COMPUTATIONS**

FOREIGN TAX CREDIT

<u>Fund Symbol</u>	<u>Gross Div. & Other Dist. Box 1a</u>	<u>Ord. Div. Box 1b</u>	<u>C/G Dist. Box 1c</u>	<u>Foreign Tax Paid Box 3</u>	<u>Cusip #</u>	<u>EIN#</u>
IAF The First Australia Fund, Inc.	\$0.4210	\$3.100	\$1.110	\$0.0060	318652104	13-3304681
FAX The First Australia Prime Income Fund, Inc. (Common Shares)	\$0.9030	\$0.9030	\$.—	\$0.0530	318653102	13-3334183

Please be advised that the foreign tax credit calculation was determined and reported at the time of the actual dividend distributions.