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Dear Mr Burgess

I refer to Council's application for a special variation to general income for 2008/2009.

The Minister has approved of the Council increasing its general income by 7.70%.

Council's general income is determined as follows:

	\$	%
2007/2008 Notional General Income (Adjusted)	10,049,032	
Plus 2008/2009 General Variation	321,569	3.20
Plus Catch up/(Excess) Adjustment	-9,989	-0.10
Less Valuation Objections	19,587	0.20
Income Adjustment		
Special Increase	442,401	4.40
	<u>10,822,600</u>	<u>7.70</u>

The approval is subject to the conditions set out in the attached instrument.

The Minister's approval is on the understanding that the Council makes and levies its rates according to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It should be noted that this approval is not an endorsement of the Council's rating structure or the projects that Council is planning to undertake with the additional funding.

It is also on the understanding that Council will continue to review its operations to identify where further efficiencies and tangible savings can be achieved. By applying this special variation all prior period shortfall or excess is eliminated.

Yours sincerely



Garry Payne AM
Director General

Report to
August Council
meeting 31/7

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993


INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508(2)

I, **PAUL LYNCH MP**, Minister for Local Government, in pursuance of section 508(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* determine that the percentage by which Kempsey Shire Council may increase its general income for 2008/09 is 7.70% above its adjusted notional general income for 2007/2008 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the Council will raise \$442,401 of the increase by additional rates to meet the cost of works associated with extending its Environmental Levy, as defined by the Council, for a period of ten years; and
- (ii) the Council will reduce its general income for the 2018/19 rating year by \$442,401 plus the equivalent cumulative proportion of this increase from any general variation increases or any special variation increases approved for the 2008/09 to 2017/18 rating years inclusive; and
- (iii) the Council clearly reports in its annual report for the period 2008/09 to 2017/18 information on the total income received, expenditure per project/program and outcomes achieved.

This approval is on the understanding that the Council makes and levies its rates according to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Dated this 27th day of JUNE, 2008



The Hon Paul Lynch MP
Minister for Local Government