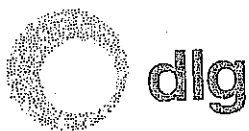




## ATTACHMENT 11

Instrument of Approval  
for Environment Levy

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Mr Michael Willis  
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Dear Mr Willis

I refer to Council's application for a special variation to general income for 2005/2006.

In addition to the general variation and adjustments, the Minister has approved of the council increasing its general income by a further 3.58%.

Council's general income is determined as follows:

	\$	%
2004/05 Notional General Income (Adjusted)	32,834,357	
Plus 2005/06 general variation	1,149,202	3.50
Plus Catch-up adjustment	24,604	0.07
Special Increase	1,174,768	3.58
	35,182,931	

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

The Minister's approval is also 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 does not enable the environmental levy to be made as an annual charge under section 501 of the Act.

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  
 Director General

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993  
INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTIONS 508 (2)  
AND 548 (3) (a)**

**I, TONY KELLY MLC, Minister for Local Government:**

1. in pursuance of section 508 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 determine that the percentage by which Blue Mountains City Council may increase its general income for 2005/2006 is 7.15% above that for 2004/2005 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the Council will raise \$1,174,768 of the increase by additional rates for the costs associated with Environmental programmes, as defined by the Council, for a period of 10 years; and
- (ii) the Council will reduce its general income for the 2015/2016 rating year by \$1,174,768 plus the equivalent cumulative proportion of this increase from any general variation increases or any special variation increases approved for the 2006/2007 to 2014/2015 rating years inclusive.
- (iii) the Council clearly reports outcomes and expenditures in its annual report for the term of the variation.

2. in pursuance of section 548 (3) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 determine that Blue Mountains City Council may make and levy the following minimum ordinary rates for 2005/2006:

Business Rate	\$690.21
Residential Rate Sub-categories A and B	\$376.97
Residential Rural	\$376.97
Residential Rate Sub-categories C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M	\$690.21
Farmland Rate	\$690.21

Dated this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE, 2005

  
**The Hon Tony Kelly MLC  
Minister for Local Government**