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2.7.10

Dear Mr Watson

I refer to Rockdale City Council's application of 25 March 2010 seeking Ministerial approval for an increase in general income of 5.60% for 2010/2011 to assist with funding costs associated with infrastructure maintenance/renewal as defined by Council.

The Minister has approved of Council increasing its general income by 5.60% in 2010/2011, for a period of three years. This approval will align the expiration of the special variation with the first full Integrated Planning and Reporting cycle, at which time Council should have a clearer understanding of its current and future financial requirements and priorities. The approved increase comprises:

	\$	%
2009/2010 Notional General Income	35,872,186	
2010/2011 General Variation	932,677	2.60
Catch up/(Excess)	-	-
Special Variation	1,077,648	3.00
Total	37,882,511	5.60

The Minister's approval is on the basis that Council will reduce its general income for the 2013/2014 rating year by \$1,077,648, plus the equivalent cumulative proportion of this increase from any general variation increases or any special variation increases approved for the 2011/2012 to 2012/2013 rating years inclusive.

In addition, the approval is on the understanding that 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 Council's rating structure.

Council should continue to review its operations to identify where further efficiencies and tangible savings can be achieved. By applying this special variation, any prior period shortfall or excess is eliminated.



A copy of the instrument of approval is attached. It is important to appreciate that Council must comply with the conditions of approval set out in the instrument. Failure to comply with these conditions may impact on any future special variation applications made by Council.

Yours sincerely

 30/6/10

Ross Woodward
Chief Executive, Local Government
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508(2)

I, **BARBARA PERRY MP**, Minister for Local Government, in pursuance of section 508(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* determine that the percentage by which Rockdale City Council may increase its general income for 2010/2011 is 5.60% above that for 2009/2010 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Council will raise \$1,077,648 of the increase by additional rates for the costs associated with infrastructure maintenance/renewal, as defined by Council in its special variation five year works program, for a period of three years; and
- (ii) Council will reduce its general income for the 2013/2014 rating year by \$1,077,648 plus the equivalent cumulative proportion of this increase from any general variation increases or any special variation increases approved for the 2011/2012 to 2012/2013 rating years inclusive; and
- (iii) Council clearly reports in its annual report for the period 2010/2011 to 2012/2013 information on the total income received, expenditure per project/program and outcomes achieved.

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

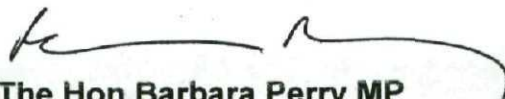
Dated this

19th

day of

June

, 2010.


The Hon Barbara Perry MP
Minister for Local Government