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Dear Mr Watson,

Please find attached a letter from the Director General of the Department of Local Government for your attention. The original will follow in today's post.

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02 JUL 2007

Dear Mr Watson

I refer to Council's application for a special variation to general income for 2007/2008.

In addition to the general variation and adjustments, the Minister has approved of Council increasing its general income by a further 5%.

Council's general income is determined as follows:

	\$	%
2006/2007 Notional General Income (Adjusted)	30,725,058	
Plus 2007/2008 General Variation	1,044,652	3.40
Plus Catch up/(Excess) Adjustment	22,187	.07
Less Valuation Objections	1,207	
Income Adjustment		
Special Increase	1,514,449	4.93
	33,305,13	8.40

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

The Minister's 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 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

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**  
**INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508 (2)**

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I, **PAUL LYNCH MP**, Minister for Local Government:

1. 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 2007/2008 is 8.4% above that for 2006/2007 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the Council will raise \$1,514,449 of the increase by additional rates for the costs associated with the Safer City and Infrastructure Asset Maintenance Programmes, as defined by the Council; and
- (ii) the Council clearly reports in its annual report for the period 2007/08 to 2012/13 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 28TH day of JUNE, 2007



**The Hon Paul Lynch MP**  
**Minister for Local Government**