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Mr Peter Stewart
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Dear Mr Stewart

I am writing with regard to the special variation granted to Council in 2009/10 (a copy of the Instrument is attached).

A condition of the special variation granted at that time was that Council reduce its general income for the 2014/15 rating year by \$139,611 plus the equivalent cumulative proportion of this increase from any general variation increases or any special variation increases approved for the 2009/10 to 2014/15 rating years inclusive.

On this basis, the amount that Council's general income is to be reduced for 2014/2015 will be \$139,611. This amount will be deducted from Council's 2013/2014 Notional General Income in the 2014/2015 Rating Return (Schedule 3).

Council is reminded of this provision to enable appropriate action in its budget estimates for 2014/2015.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hely
Leader, Performance & Compliance

2 Dec 2013.





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Mr David Cushway
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E-MAILED
7.7.09

Dear Mr Cushway

I refer to Guyra Shire Council's application of 16 April 2009 seeking Ministerial approval for an increase in general income of 8.43% for 2009/2010 to assist with funding costs associated with road and community asset maintenance and renewal, as defined by Council in its five year works program.

The Minister has approved of Council increasing its general income by 8.43% in 2009/2010, for a period of five years. The approved increase comprises:

	\$	%
2008/2009 Notional General Income	2,106,362	
Expiring Special Variation		
2008/2009 Adjusted Notional General Income	2,106,362	
2009/2010 General Variation	73,723	3.50
Catch up/(Excess)	-19,036	-0.90
Valuation Objections		
Income Adjustment		
Special Variation	122,895	5.83
Total	2,283,944	8.43

The Minister's approval is on the basis that Council will reduce its general income for the 2014/2015 rating year by \$122,895, plus the equivalent cumulative proportion of this increase from any general variation increases or any special variation increases approved for the 2010/2011 to 2013/2014 rating years inclusive.

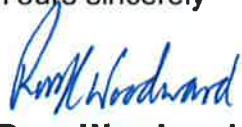
The Minister's approval is on the understanding that Council makes and levies its rates according to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It should be noted that this approval is not an endorsement of Council's rating structure.

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

 7/7/09

Ross Woodward
Acting Director General

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 Guyra Shire Council may increase its general income for 2009/2010 is 8.43% above that for 2008/2009 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Council will raise \$122,895 of the increase by additional rates for the costs associated with road and community asset maintenance and renewal, as defined by Council in its special variation application 5 year works program, for a period of five years; and
- (ii) Council will reduce its general income for the 2014/2015 rating year by \$122,895 plus the equivalent cumulative proportion of this increase from any general variation increases or any special variation increases approved for the 2010/2011 to 2013/2014 rating years inclusive; and
- (iii) Council clearly reports in its annual report for the period 2009/2010 to 2013/2014 information on the total income received, expenditure per project/program and outcomes achieved.

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

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2009.


The Hon Barbara Perry MP
Minister for Local Government