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Mr John McKee
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Dear Mr McKee

I refer to Council's application for a special variation to general income for 2006/2007.

In addition to the general variation and adjustments, the Minister has approved of the council increasing its general income by a further 4.98%.

Council's general income is determined as follows:

	\$	%
2005/2006 Notional General Income (Adjusted)	38,459,856	
Plus 2006/2007 General Variation	1,384,554	3.60
Plus Catch up/(Excess) Adjustment	-2,089	-0.01
Less Valuation Objections	Nil	
Income Adjustment	Nil	
Special Increase	1,913,905	4.98
	41,756,226	8.57

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 27/6/06
for Garry Payne
Director General

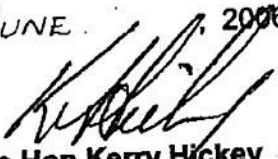
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993
INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508 (2)

I, KERRY HICKEY, Minister for Local Government:

1. in pursuance of section 508 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 determine that the percentage by which Ku-ring-gai Council may increase its general income for 2006/2007 is 8.57% above that for 2005/2006 subject to the following conditions:
- (i) the Council will raise \$1,913,905 of the increase by additional rates for the costs associated with road infrastructure, as defined by the Council, for a period of seven (7) years; and
 - (ii) the Council will reduce its general income for the 2013/2014 rating year by \$1,913,905 plus the equivalent cumulative proportion of this increase from any general variation increases or any special variation increases approved for the 2007/2008 to 2012/2013 rating years inclusive; and
 - (iii) the Council clearly reports in its annual report for the period 2006/2007 to 2012/2013 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 26TH day of JUNE, 2006


The Hon Kerry Hickey
Minister for Local Government