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Dear Mr Jose

I am writing in reply to your application of 4 May 2010 seeking Ministerial approval for increases to general income for the years 2010/11 to 2013/14 under section 508A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Minister has approved of the Council increasing its general income as follows:

2010/2011 is 10.00% above that for 2009/2010
2011/2012 is 10.00% above that for 2010/2011
2012/2013 is 10.00% above that for 2011/2012

The reasons for the Minister approving an increase in general income of 10% over 3 years are:

- The impost of a 12% rate increase over a period of 4 years on rate payers was considered significant. A reduction of the percentage increase to 10% over a period of 3 years was considered to provide Council with a reasonable increase in income to undertake necessary works while reducing the significant impost on rate payers.
- The reduction in the time period for the increase will align with Council's next Delivery Program.

The approval is on the basis that the Council makes and levies its rates according to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and complies with the conditions of the attached instrument. Council should continue to review its operations to identify where further efficiencies and tangible savings can be achieved.

Yours sincerely

Ross Woodward
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508A(1)

I, **Barbara Perry MP**, Minister for Local Government:

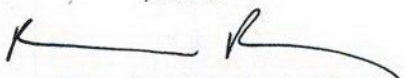
1. In pursuance of section 508A(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* determine that the percentage by which Greater Taree City Council may increase its general income for the period 2010/2011 to 2012/2013 is 33.10%, consisting of the following annual increases:

		Annual % Increase	Cumulative % Increase
Y 1	2010/11	10.00	10.00
Y 2	2011/12	10.00	21.00
Y 3	2012/13	10.00	33.10

2. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the Council will raise the additional funds for infrastructure maintenance and renewal, as defined by Council in its Delivery Program works program;
- (ii) the Council clearly reports in its annual report on the outcomes achieved as a result of the variation and continuing results in improving efficiency and rationalising services; and
- (iii) the Council clearly reports in its annual report on any significant variations from its long term financial plan and corrective action to be taken.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2010


The Hon Barbara Perry, MP
Minister for Local Government