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Mr Robert Hunt
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Dear Mr Hunt

I refer to Liverpool Plains Shire Council's application of 17 April 2009 seeking Ministerial approval for an increase in general income of 10.47% for 2009/2010 to assist with funding costs associated with resealing of the bitumen road network, re-sheeting of the gravel road network and rural road drainage maintenance, as defined by Council in its special variation application five year works program.

The Minister has approved of Council increasing its general income by 10.47% in 2009/2010, for a period of five years. The approved increase comprises:

	\$	%
2008/2009 Notional General Income	5,005,678	
Expiring Special Variation	0	
2008/2009 Adjusted Notional General Income	5,005,678	
2009/2010 General Variation	175,199	3.50
Catch up/(Excess)	22,721	0.46
Valuation Objections	0	0.00
Income Adjustment	686	0.01
Special Variation	325,368	6.50
Total Increase	5,529,652	10.47

The Minister's approval is on the basis that Council will reduce its general income for the 2014/2015 rating year by \$325,368, 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.

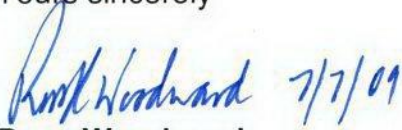
The Minister's approval is also on the understanding that Council makes and levies its rates according to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It should be noted that this approval is not an endorsement of Council's rating structure.

In approving this special variation, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ross Woodward" followed by the date "7/7/09". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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 Liverpool Plains Shire Council may increase its general income for 2009/2010 is 10.47% above that for 2008/2009 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Council will raise \$325,368 of the increase by additional rates for the costs associated with resealing of bitumen road network, re-sheeting of gravel road network, and rural road drainage maintenance, as defined by Council in its special variation five year works program, for a period of five years; and
- (ii) Council will reduce its general income for the 2014/2015 rating year by \$325,368 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 Liverpool Plains 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