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TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
 FILE No. **COUNCILS 7-YEAR PLAN**
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 ASSIGNED TO: **RAYNER M**
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Mr Michael Rayner
 General Manager
 Tweed Shire Council
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Dear Mr Rayner

I refer to your application of 20 July 2007 seeking Ministerial approval for increases to general income for the periods 2008/09 to 2012/13 inclusive for projects proposed in the original Seven Year Plan.

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

2008/09	9.50%
2009/10	9.50%
2010/11	8.50%
2011/12	7.50%
2012/13	7.50%

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

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

Yours sincerely

Ross Woodward 20/8/07

Ross Woodward
 Deputy Director General

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993
INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508A(1) AND S548(3)(a)

I, **Paul Lynch**, Minister for Local Government:

1. In pursuance of the section 508(A) of the Local Government Act 1993 determine that the percentage by which Tweed Shire Council may increase its general income for:

2008/2009 is 9.50% above that for 2007/2008
2009/2010 is 9.50% above that for 2008/2009
2010/2011 is 8.50% above that for 2009/2010
2011/2012 is 7.50% above that for 2010/2011
2012/2013 is 7.50% above that for 2011/2012

2. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The council will raise the additional increases for costs associated with the "Seven Year Plan" as set out in Council's submission dated 26 June 2007 and the amended submission dated 20 July 2007;
- (ii) the Council reports annually to the Department of Local Government on the outcomes achieved as a result of the variation, continuing results in improving efficiency and rationalising services;
- (iii) the Council reports to the Department of Local Government on any significant variations from its financial plan and corrective action to be taken; and
- (iv) the Council includes reports prepared under (ii) above in its annual report.

3. In pursuance of s548(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* determine that Tweed Shire Council may make and levy the following minimum ordinary rates for 2008/09:

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Residential	\$682.30	747.12	810.62	871.42	936.78
Business	\$729.16	798.43	866.29	931.27	1,001.12
Farmland	\$682.30	747.12	810.62	871.42	936.78

Dated this 15th day of AUGUST, 2007

Minister for Local Government


The Hon. PAUL LYNCH, M.P.