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Confirmation of verbal advice regarding council's special variation application.  
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With regards.



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Mr Michael Rayner  
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Dear Mr Rayner

I refer to your application of 30 March 2006 seeking Ministerial approval for increases to general income for the periods 2006/07 to 2012/13 inclusive for projects proposed in the Seven Year Plan.

The Minister has approved of the Council increasing its general income for two years only:

2006/07	7.60%
2007/08	8.00%

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

The decision not to approve of future years is based on community concerns over the increase and the necessity of certain projects. It is understood that council is in the process of developing an integrated asset management system. Such a system would support any future application should council wish to apply.

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*.

It is also on the understanding that council will continue to review its operations to identify where further efficiencies and savings can be achieved. By applying this special variational prior period shortfall or excess is eliminated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ross Woodward' followed by the date '11/7/06'.

**Ross Woodward**  
Deputy Director General

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993****INSTRUMENT UNDER SECTION 508A(1) AND S548(3)(a)****I, Kerry Hickey, 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:

2006/2007 is 7.6% above that for 2005/2006  
2007/2008 is 8.0% above that for 2006/2007

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 30 March 2006 and the amended submission dated 14 June 2006;
  - (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 (supporting the 30 March 2006 submission) 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:

	2006/07	2007/08
Residential	\$576.95	\$623.11
Business	\$616.60	\$665.93
Farmland	\$576.95	\$623.11

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006

The Hon. KERRY HICKEY, M.P.  
Minister for Local Government

