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**COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR  
30 JUNE 2008**

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## COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

### SPECIAL MEETING

30 JUNE 2008

**Present:** Councillors K D Rhoades (Mayor), R W McKelvey (Deputy Mayor), J C Bonfield, I D Hogbin, C O Joass, I J Ovens, W R Palmer & G R Smithers.

**Staff:** General Manager, Director Corporate Business (Acting), Director Land Use, Health and Development, Director of City Services and Executive Assistant.

**Leave of Absence:** Councillor W D Featherstone

The meeting commenced at 5.03pm with the Mayor, Cr K D Rhoades in the chair.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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#### 11 2008/2011 MANAGEMENT PLAN

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To enable Council to adopt the 2008/2011 Management Plan.

**86 RECOMMENDED** (Ovens/Smithers) that Council:

1. Note that it has yet to be advised of the NSW Government's determination in relation to Council's Application for a Special Variation to General Income in 2008/2009.
2. Include the following amendments (as detailed in the Issues section of this report):
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- e. \$9,000 for additional staffing at the Regional Museum (No funding available - \$9,000 impact on deficit)

Note that the net budget impact of amendments 'a' to 'e' inclusive is \$9,000 (deficit).

- 3. Note that, depending on the final Budget Option that is implemented, the following estimated budget results are forecast in 2008/2009:
  - General Account: *Budget Option 1* - \$93,365 (Deficit)  
*Budget Option 2* - \$133,365 (Deficit)
  - Water Account: \$6,695,376 (Deficit)
  - Sewer Account: \$6,820,832 (Deficit)
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  - b. *Budget Option 2* based only on the 3.2% 'rate pegging' allowance approved for 2008/2009.
- 5. Meet, after being advised of the Minister's determination (of Council's Application for Special Variation to General Income in 2008/2009), to rescind whichever Budget Option has been ruled out by the Minister's decision.
- 6. Continue to lobby the NSW and Federal Government for assistance in funding additional works and services in the local government sector.
- 7. That the General Manager be requested to endeavour to reduce the budget deficit by savings of 1%.

**AMENDMENT**

**RECOMMENDED** (Hogbin/McKelvey) that Council:

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7. That Council cut costs across the board at 1% except for fixed costs.

The **AMENDMENT** on being put to the meeting was declared **LOST**.

The **MOTION** on being put to the meeting was declared **CARRIED**.

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**DIVISION**

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A division was duly demanded, and those member voting for and against the motion were recorded:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Rhoades	Joass
Smithers	Hogbin
Bonfield	McKelvey
Palmer	
Ovens	

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

Confirmed: 17 July 2008

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Keith Rhoades AFSM  
**Mayor**