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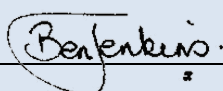
NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY: Planet Ark

REPORTING PERIOD: 2017

Declaration

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this Public Disclosure Summary is true and correct and meets the requirements of the National Carbon Offset Standard Carbon Neutral Program.

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Carbon neutral certification category	Organisation
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Auditor assurance statement link	



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1. Carbon neutral information

1A. Introduction

Planet Ark Environmental Foundation is an Australian not-for-profit organisation with a vision of a world where people live in balance with nature. Established in 1992, we are one of Australia's leading environmental behaviour change organisations with a focus on working collaboratively and positively.

We help people, governments and businesses reduce their impact on the environment in three key areas: sustainable resource use; low carbon lifestyles; and connecting people with nature. We promote and create simple, positive environmental actions - for everyone. Our campaigns and programs build on our positive and action-based philosophy to work with a broad range of individuals, schools, councils and workplaces.

We are a relatively small organisation headquartered in Sydney, with the majority of the team centred in NSW either working in the office or from their home offices. The organisation runs relatively lean and the data included in our assessment is focused on the Sydney office and operations in Victoria. As an environmental organisation we are conscious of our consumption and waste generation and have for many years focused on its reduction.

In short, we define ourselves by what we are for rather than what we are against. This approach strikes a strong chord amongst the millions of Australians who take part in our campaigns each year.

1B. Emission sources within certification boundary

Quantified sources

Electricity

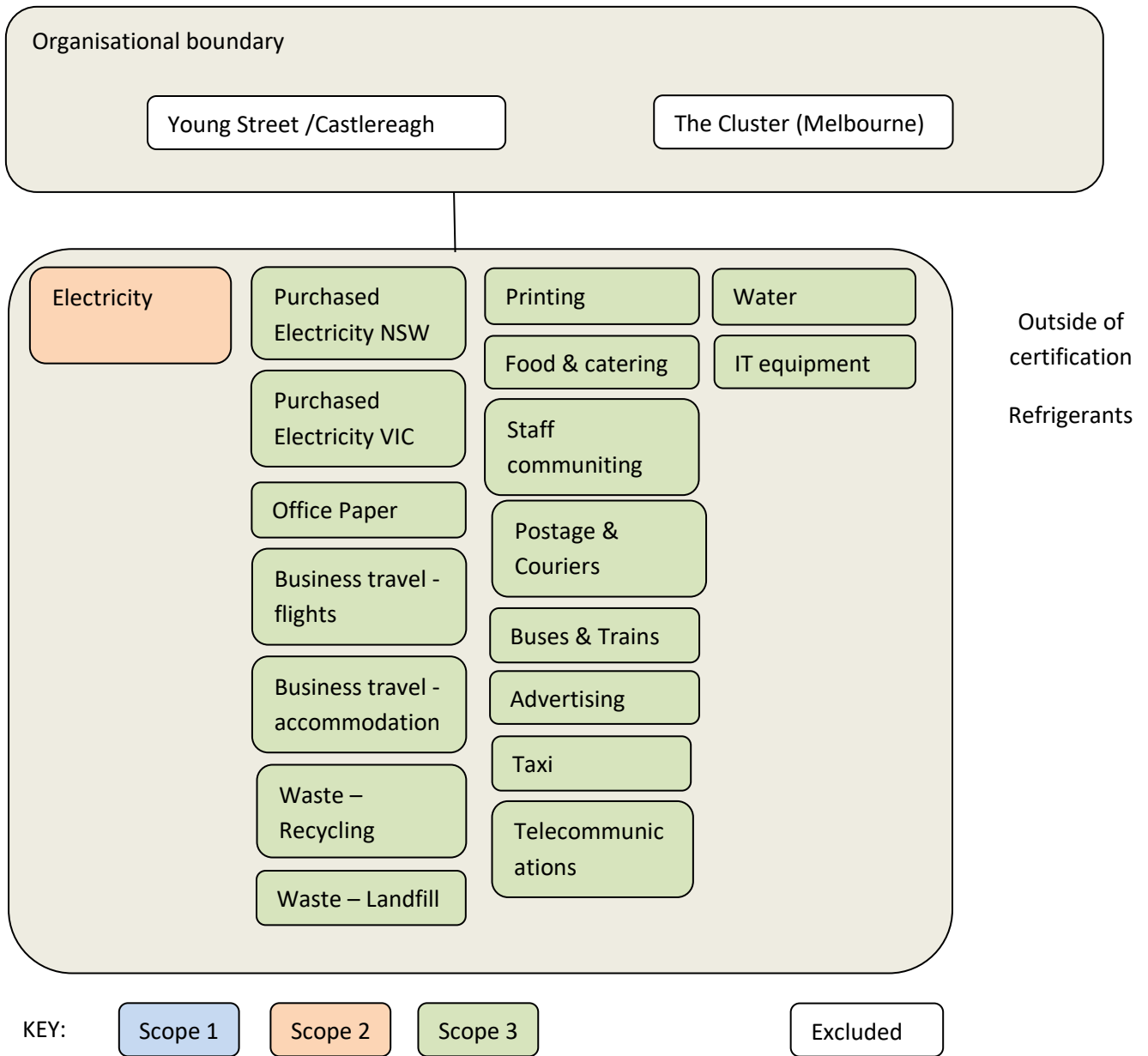
- Telecommunications
- Water
- IT Equipment
- Paper
- Stationery
- Employee commute
- Business flights
- Postage
- Couriers
- Hotel Accommodation
- Advertising
- Taxis
- Buses
- Trains
- Food and catering
- Waste – landfill
- Waste – recycling

Excluded sources

The below sources are excluded due to being immaterial

- Refrigerants

1C. Diagram of the certification boundary



2. Emissions reduction measures

2A. Emissions reduction strategy and actions

The organisation runs a small footprint and has over recent years purchased offsets for air travel (however this has not been included due to lack of evidence) and used carbon neutral paper and electricity (Powershop). Public transport is preferred where feasible and ride sharing options are used where feasible for car transport.

A video conferencing facility has been introduced to provide access to meetings for Planet Ark employees working from home or interstate. Also enabling effective meetings with external organisations.

Air travel remains a target for reduction with interstate meetings and conferences limited to where it is a requirement of the role and current activities. Where and when possible, the video conference facilities will be used. The use of technology permits working from home and reduces the need for travel.

Waste remains a business focus for the organisation but with organic waste being composted and a focus on recycling potential for improvement is limited.

Food and beverages for meetings is from a local social enterprise, the catering provided by asylum seekers and refugees, in partnership with local Australians.

3. Emissions summary

Table 2. Emissions Summary		
Scope	Emission source	t CO ₂ -e
2&3	Electricity	11.3
3	Telecommunications	10.7
3	Water	0.1
3	IT Equipment	2.8
3	Paper	0.1
3	Stationery	0.6
3	Employee Commute	17.1
3	Business Flights	44.3
3	Postage	1.0
3	Couriers	1.5
3	Printing	9.8
3	Domestic Hotel Accommodation	4.0
3	International Hotel Accommodation	0.6
3	Advertising	10.8
3	Taxis	0.7
3	Buses	0.3
3	Trains	0.7
3	Meat Products (Beef)	0.0
3	Meat Products (Poultry)	0.2
3	Seafood	0.0
3	Bakery	0.1
3	Fruit & Veg	0.4
3	Flour and Cereals	0.2
3	Dairy	0.1
3	Other Foods	0.4
3	Drinks (Beer)	0.1
3	Drinks (Wine & Spirits)	0.1

3	Drinks (Soft Drinks)	0.2
3	Waste	0.1
3	Recycling	0.0
Total Gross Emissions		118.3
GreenPower		-11
Total Net Emissions		107.3

4. Carbon offsets

4A. Offsets summary

Table 3. Offsets Summary				
Date of cancellation	Offset project, unit type and registry	Serial numbers	Vintage	Quantity
18/6/2019	JARI/AMAPÁ REDD+ PROJECT Agriculture Forestry and Other Land Use, Brazil VCS registry	5361-227844767-227844820-VCU-001-MER-BR-14-1115-15022013-14022014-0 https://vcsregistry2.apx.com/myModule/rpt/myrpt.asp?r=206&h=24003	2014	54
18/6/2019	Bundled Solar Power Project by Solararise India Projects PVT. LTD. Renewable energy VCS Registry	6216-286508767-286508820-VCU-034-APX-IN-1-1762-23062016-31122016-0 https://vcsregistry2.apx.com/myModule/rpt/myrpt.asp?r=206&h=25169	2016	54
Total offsets cancelled				107
Net emissions after offsetting				0.0

4B. Offsets purchasing and retirement strategy

The selected base year for the carbon footprint is the 2017/2018 calendar year. To ensure meaningful comparisons of emissions data in future years a consistent data set will be used. This will ensure “like with like” comparisons over time. In order for this condition to be fulfilled, the inventory boundary will be held consistent between assessments. Over time, emission factors can change which will alter the outcome of calculations for the purpose of quantifying emissions associated with specific activity areas. To allow for a like for like comparison between the yearly assessment totals, the data provided in prior assessments will be re-calculated using the same factors employed in any future assessments (when and where applicable). Estimation methodologies for various emission sources are likely to improve with time, leading to higher accuracy. Prior year calculations may need to be restated to reflect methodology improvements. Base year emissions and any historic data will not be recalculated for organic growth or decline. Organic growth/decline refers to increases or decreases in energy and resource consumption and closures and openings of operating units that are owned or controlled by Planet Ark. Future changes to Planet Ark’s operations due to amalgamations with other organisations or outsourcing of services will be accounted for under the fixed base year approach. This will either include or exclude emissions arising from such non-organic structural changes in both the base year and current year. Emission sources that have not formed part of the base year inventory and that are

estimated to represent 5% of total emissions will be regarded as insignificant. A significance threshold of 5% of the total carbon footprint has been set to trigger a recalculation of base year emissions where there has been changes to data, boundaries, methods or other relevant factors.

5. Use of trade mark

Table 4. Trade mark register	
Where used	Logo type
Reports / Annual Report	Certified organisation
Media releases	Certified organisation
e-mail signatures	Certified organisation
Fundraising materials	Certified organisation
Websites	Certified organisation
Newsletters	Certified organisation
Presentations	Certified organisation