



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MELIOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

ORGANISATION

2019-20

Australian Government
Climate Active
Public Disclosure Statement



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY: Melior Investment Management

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020

Declaration

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this Public Disclosure Statement is true and correct and meets the requirements of the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard.

Signature

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy King".

Date 26 October 2020

Name of Signatory Timothy King

Position of Signatory CIO



Australian Government
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1. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

This inventory has been prepared for the financial year from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

The operational boundary has been defined based on an operational control test, in accordance with the principles of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007. This comprises the operations of the Melior Investment Management business which is controlled by the Melior Investment Management Fund Services Trust and associated entities. This inventory does not include emissions related to the investment portfolio of Melior Investment Management.

The methods used for collating data, performing calculations and presenting the carbon account are in accordance with the following standards:

- Climate Active standards
- The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition)
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008

Where possible, the calculation methodologies and emission factors used in this inventory are derived from the National Greenhouse Accounts (NGA) Factors in accordance with "Method 1" from the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008.

The greenhouse gases considered within the inventory are those that are commonly reported under the Kyoto Protocol; carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O) and synthetic gases - hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃). These have been expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂-e) using relative global warming potentials (GWPs).

Organisation description

Melior Investment Management was established in 2018 by Lucy Steed and Tim King with backing from the founders of Adamantem Capital, Rob Koczkar and Anthony Kerwick. After scanning the market, they saw a gap for an Australian equities impact investment manager. They have formed a team of experienced investment professionals who share a common goal – to be part of the change they want to see in the world. With their skills and experience in investment management they seek to leverage the power of capital and corporations to bring about change. The Melior Australian Impact Fund realises their vision of taking impact investing mainstream.

“Australia will not fulfil its commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including Climate Action, without a major concerted change from business as usual. is important to the Organisation.”

Melior believes that to have a genuinely positive impact and deliver sustainable performance, a company must focus on “what” it offers as well as “how” it operates. That’s why our investment approach involves deep assessment of a company’s impact along with its ESG practices. This is a key differentiator from traditional ESG investing, where ESG screens are often high level and applied without a deep understanding of the company. Companies must also pass our rigorous financial assessment and portfolio construction principles to be considered for investment.

2. EMISSION BOUNDARY

Diagram of the certification boundary



Non-quantified sources

Refrigerants are a non-quantified source based on immateriality

Data management plan

N/A

Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

N/A

“Melior is committed to taking positive action to reduce its impact on the environment and views its involvement with Climate Active as a key step in fulfilling this commitment.”

3. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions reduction strategy

Melior is committed to taking positive action to reduce its impact on the environment.

Melior has adopted an Emission Reduction Plan. As part of Melior's initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility, Melior intends to implement the emissions reductions steps set out in its Emissions Reduction Plan, including:

Flights

Melior will update its travel policy to include a process to require the employee requesting the flight to acknowledge they have given consideration to whether a video conference would be an appropriate alternative to travel.

Melior is also coding flights more effectively in its systems to identify any trends with flying and collect better data to make informed reduction decisions in relation to flying.

Electricity

Melior will incorporate the consideration of energy efficiency on all future equipment purchases and investigate computer and power supply units.

Supply chains

Melior will develop a sustainable procurement policy. In addition, Melior will engage with key suppliers (including paper suppliers and telecommunications providers) to investigate less carbon intensive options.

Internal Engagement

Melior will facilitate continuous discussions about Melior's sustainability performance at the annual staff offsite and encourage staff to suggest sustainability initiatives.

Emissions summary (inventory)

Table 1

Emission source category	tonnes CO ₂ -e
Accommodation and facilities	0.58
Business Flights	12.76
Electricity	5.07
Employee Commute	0.67
Food	3.44
ICT services and equipment	3.38
Office equipment & supplies	1.58
Postage, courier and freight	3.38
Professional Services	0.57
Taxis	0.13
Waste	0.97
Water	0.02
Working From Home	0.08
<i>Total Net Emissions</i>	32.64

Uplift factors

Table 2

Reason for uplift factor	tonnes CO ₂ -e
N/A	
<i>Total footprint to offset (uplift factors + net emissions)</i>	33

Carbon neutral products

N/A

Electricity summary

Electricity was calculated using a Location-based approach.

The Climate Active team are consulting on the use of a market vs location-based approach for electricity accounting with a view to finalising a policy decision for the carbon neutral certification by July 2020. Given a decision is still pending on the accounting way forward, a summary of emissions using both measures has been provided for full disclosure and to ensure year on year comparisons can be made.

Market-based approach electricity summary

Table 3

Electricity inventory items	kWh	Emissions (tonnes CO ₂ e)
Electricity Renewables	1,049	0.00
Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	0	0.00
Electricity Remaining	4,589	4.96
Renewable electricity percentage	19%	
<i>Net emissions (Market based approach)</i>		4.96

Location-based summary

Table 4

State/ Territory	Electricity Inventory items	kWh	Full Emission factor (Scope 2 +3)	Emissions (tonnes CO ₂ e)
ACT/NSW	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.90	0.00
ACT/NSW	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.90	0.00
ACT/NSW	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.81	0.00
ACT/NSW	Electricity Total	5,638	0.90	5.07
	<i>Total net electricity emissions (Location based)</i>		0.00	5.07

4. CARBON OFFSETS

Offset purchasing strategy: Offsets will be purchased in arrears at the end of the reporting period.

Offsets summary

Table 5

1. Total offsets required for this report				33					
2. Offsets retired in previous reports and used in this report				0					
3. Net offsets required for this report				33					
Project description	Eligible offset units type	Registry unit retired in	Date retired	Serial number (including hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Quantity (tonnes CO2-e)	Quantity used for previous report	Quantity to be banked for future years	Quantity to be used this report
Tiwi Islands Savanna Burning for Greenhouse Gas Abatement	ACCUs	ANREU	07 Oct 2020	3,772,962,839 – 3,772,962,871	2018-19	33	0	0	33
Total offsets retired this report and used in this report							33		
Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports							0		

Co-benefits

Tiwi Islands, NT, Aboriginal Savanna Burning Project

Examples of environmental, social and cultural core benefits are:

- Elders sharing traditional ecological knowledge with young people;
- Protection of rock art and sacred sites;
- Protection of the environment by Aboriginal led land and sea management;
- Meaningful employment aligning with the interests and values of Traditional Owners; and
- Contribution to increased pride and self- esteem of Aboriginal people.

5. USE OF TRADE MARK

Table 6

Description where trademark used	Logo type
Investor reporting	Certified Organisation
General Marketing	Certified Organisation
Fundraising	Certified Organisation
Promotional Material – including presentations	Certified Organisation
Website - https://meliorim.com.au	Certified Organisation

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Melior is a TCFD supporter.

APPENDIX 1

Excluded emissions

To be deemed relevant an emission must meet two of the five relevance criteria. Excluded emissions are detailed below against each of the five criteria.

Table 7

Relevance test					
Excluded emission sources	<i>The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions</i>	<i>The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.</i>	<i>Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.</i>	<i>The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.</i>	<i>The emissions are from outsourced activities previously undertaken within the organisation's boundary, or from outsourced activities typically undertaken within the boundary for comparable organisations.</i>

N/A

APPENDIX 2

Non-quantified emissions for organisations

Please advise which of the reasons applies to each of your non-quantified emissions. You may add rows if required.

Table 8

Non-quantification test				
Relevant-non-quantified emission sources	<i>Immaterial <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively</i>	<i>Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.</i>	<i>Data unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.</i>	<i>Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified</i>
Refrigerants	Yes	No	No	No

ANREU x +

nationalregistry.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/transaction/show/125951

Transaction Details

Transaction details appear below.

Transaction Successfully Approved

Transaction ID AU16263

Current Status Completed (4)

Status Date 07/10/2020 16:37:46 (AEDT)
07/10/2020 05:37:46 (GMT)

Transaction Type Cancellation (4)

Transaction Initiator Foley, Rowan Paul Bulmer

Transaction Approver Foley, Rowan Paul Bulmer

Comment Retired on behalf of Melior Investment Management's Climate Active emissions for FY2019/20

Transferring Account

Account Number AU-2798

Account Name Aboriginal Carbon Fund Limited

Account Holder Aboriginal Carbon Fund Limited

Acquiring Account

Account Number AU-1068

Account Name Australia Voluntary Cancellation Account

Account Holder Commonwealth of Australia

Transaction Blocks

Party	Type	Transaction Type	Original CP	Current CP	ERF Project ID	NGER Facility ID	NGER Facility Name	Safeguard	Kyoto Project #	Vintage	Expiry Date	Serial Range	Quantity
AU	KACCU	Voluntary ACCU Cancellation			ERF105045					2018-19		3,772,962,839 - 3,772,962,871	33

Transaction Status History