

Australian Government  
**Climate Active**  
Public Disclosure Statement




**NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY:**

Conscious Investment Management Pty Ltd

**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		Date 6/3/21
Name of Signatory	Edward Ring	
Position of Signatory	Associate	



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## 1. Carbon neutral information

### Description of certification

The Australian business operations of Conscious Investment Management, ABN 746 301 314 76

### Organisation description

Conscious Investment Management is a leading global impact investment manager.

We are working to address some of the largest global challenges: Environment and Climate, Health and Education, and Sustainable Development. The significance of these challenges requires us to question the status quo of our finance system. Our vision is to unlock the power of mainstream investment capital to fund assets that create positive social and environmental impact.

We begin all investments by working with expert Impact Partners to understand people and society's needs. Then using our finance experience and capital, we structure, design and invest into assets that will create a better and more sustainable future. We build long-term relationships with our Impact Partners and our investors, develop and retain a high-performing team, and promote transparent and thoughtful measurement of our impact.

We have defined key outcome areas, and rigorously collect qualitative and quantitative data that enables us to manage, measure and drive impact results throughout the course of our investments. We have this data independently audited to provide our investors with confidence in the positive impact their capital is having. We pride ourselves on considered thinking about all investments – looking at supply chains and contemplating potential unintended consequences.

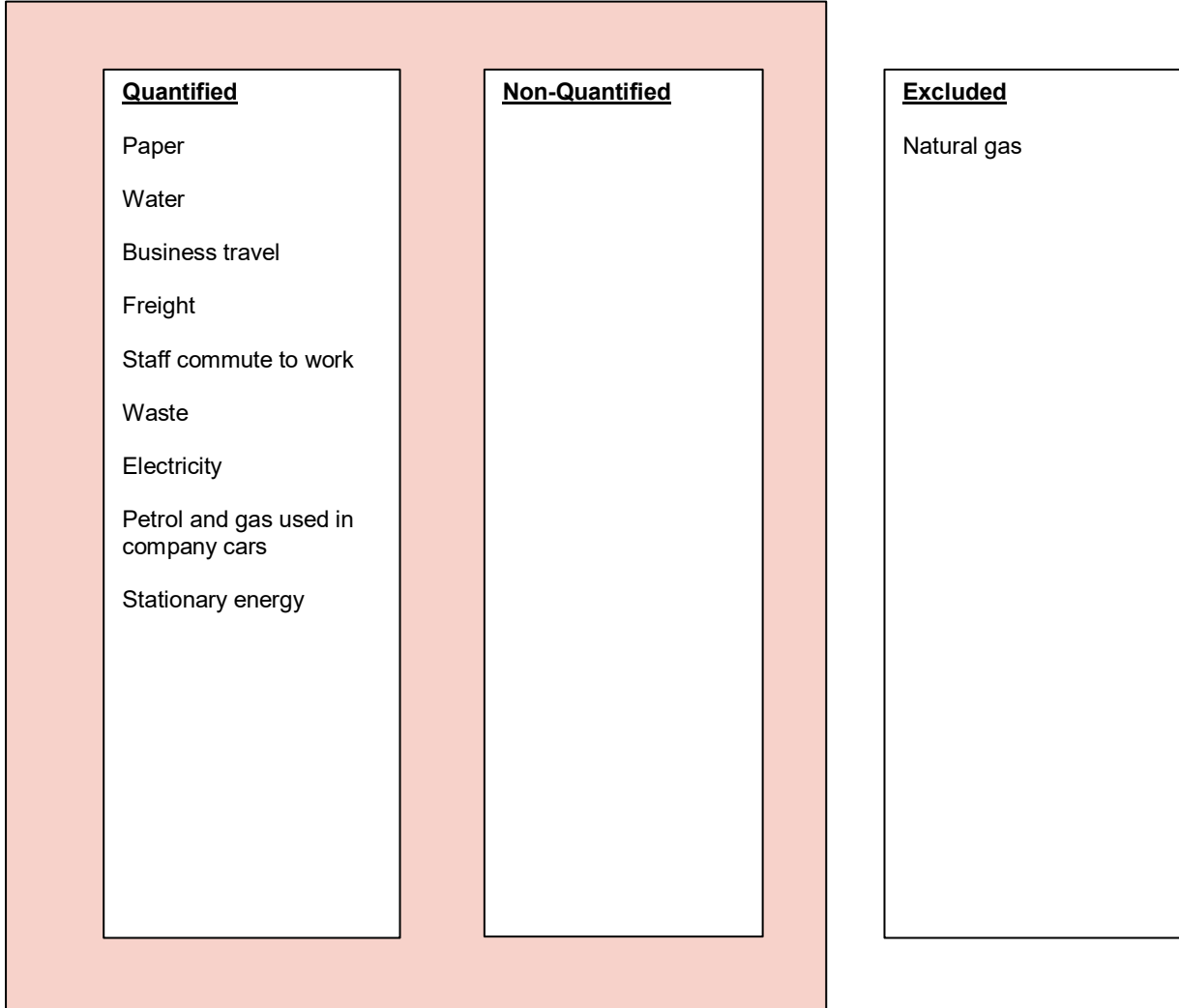
### Emissions reduction strategy

Conscious Investment Management emission reduction strategy for the next two years is to reduce non-essential business travel – both land and air. We will recommend using video conference in every scenario we feel it is appropriate to do so.

## 2. Emission Boundary

### Diagram of the certification boundary

This is a small organisation certification, which uses the standard Climate Active Small Organisation emissions boundary.



Non-quantified sources

- N/A

Data management Plan

Not applicable

Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

Natural gas – we do not have natural gas in our office, so do not use it.

3. Emissions summary

Table 3. Emissions Summary	
Emission source category	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
Accommodation and facilities	0.198
Air transport km	1.218
Cleaning and Chemicals	0.433
Electricity (location based)	6.889
ICT services and equipment	2.477
Land and Sea Transport (km)	3.391
Office equipment & supplies	2.713
Postage, courier and freight	1.023
<b>Total Net Emissions</b>	<b>18.345</b>

Uplift factors

Table 4. Uplift factors	
Reason for uplift factor	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
Mandatory 5% for small organisation	0.917
<b>Total Footprint to offset (uplift factors + net emissions)</b>	<b>19.263</b>

Carbon Neutral products

Not applicable

Electricity Summary

Electricity was calculated using a Location-based approach.

**Table 6 Location-based summary****Location Based Approach:**

State/Territory	Electricity Inventory items	kWh	Full Emission factor (Scope 2 +3)	Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> 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	-	0.90	0.00
SA	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.53	0.00
SA	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.53	0.00
SA	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.44	0.00
SA	Electricity Total	-	0.53	0.00
Vic	Electricity Renewables	-	-1.12	0.00
Vic	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-1.12	0.00
Vic	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-1.02	0.00
Vic	Electricity Total	6,150	1.12	6,888.53
Qld	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.93	0.00
Qld	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.93	0.00
Qld	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.81	0.00
Qld	Electricity Total	-	0.93	0.00
NT	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.71	0.00
NT	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.71	0.00
NT	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.63	0.00
NT	Electricity Total	-	0.71	0.00
WA	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.74	0.00
WA	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.74	0.00
WA	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.69	0.00
WA	Electricity Total	-	0.74	0.00
Tas	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.17	0.00
Tas	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.17	0.00
Tas	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.15	0.00
Tas	Electricity Total	-	0.17	0.00
	Total net electricity emissions (Location based)		0.00	6,888.53

4. Carbon offsets

Offset purchasing strategy: in arrears

Table 4 Offsets Summary

<b>1. Total offsets required for this report</b>		20							
<b>2. Offsets retired in previous reports and used in this report</b>		0							
<b>3. Net offsets required for this report</b>		20							
<b>Project description</b>	<b>Eligible offset units type</b>	<b>Registry unit retired in</b>	<b>Date retired</b>	<b>Serial number (including hyperlink to registry transaction record)</b>	<b>Vintage</b>	<b>Quantity (tonnes CO2-e)</b>	<b>Quantity used for previous report</b>	<b>Quantity to be banked for future years</b>	<b>Quantity to be used this report</b>
Australian Native Reforestation - Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor, BRCO	-	GSR	19/4/21	12PWA176676B - 12PWA176725B	2022	50	0	30	20
<b>AND</b>									
CDM CER - China Wind-farm Project - Renewable Energy, Vintage 2013-2016	CDM	CER	19/4/21	CN-316 1,011,040,647 - 1,011,040,696	2013-2016	50	0	30	20
<b>Total offsets retired this report and used in this report</b>									20
<b>Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports</b>									30

## 5. Use of trade mark

Table 5

Description where trademark used	Logo type
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CIM Website	Certified organisation
CIM Impact Investing Policy	Certified organisation
Linkedin	Certified organisation
Email signature	Certified organisation

## 6. Additional information

### *Information about the offset project*

#### **Australian Native Reforestation – Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor Project**

This reforestation project aims to re-establish the natural landscape of a 200km corridor in the northern wheatbelt of Southwest Australia.

About 90% of our current planting area was cleared by European settlers during the 1900s to allow for the farming of crops and livestock. Over time the soil has degraded, and together with a drying climate, has left parts of the landscape no longer viable for traditional farming.

The removal of the natural woodland environment has threatened many plant and animal species with extinction.

These factors have led to Conservation International identifying the broader region of Southwest Australia as one of 35 globally significant biodiversity hotspots. Conservation International defines a biodiversity hotspot as a region that has a high percentage of endemic plant species and less than 30% of its natural vegetation remaining.

The Yarra Yarra project aims to revegetate the landscape of the Corridor and return the environment to its original state while simultaneously removing carbon from the atmosphere.

This is done by planting up to 60 different tree and shrub species indigenous to the region. The goal is to create a green corridor that will reconnect coastal regions with drier inland habitats. The Corridor will provide birds and animals with habitat for food, nests and protection from predators, encouraging them to transition through the landscape.

#### **Positive Impacts**

- The project has injected more than \$8 million into the community, supporting 140 local businesses.
- Generation of new jobs for tree plantings, seed collection and integrated agricultural activities.
- Casual employment for 200+ people, including local indigenous people.
- Creation of an Australian Sandalwood integrated carbon industry in rural Australia.
- Five aboriginal heritage sites discovered in archaeological surveys are now registered with the Department of Indigenous Affairs Registry.
- Ecological scientists conducted a baseline biodiversity survey and discovered an amazing diversity of plant and animal species.
- Creation of wildlife habitats and the reintroduction of plant and animals, including over 30 species of conservation-significant native plants, 13 conservation-significant bird species and 100s of insect species.
- Combatting desertification by protecting and stabilising the ground with vegetation, which reduces soil salinity and erosion by wind and water.



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.

Excluded Emission	Relevance Test				
	<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>
Natural gas	X	X	X	X	X