



# **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**THE BALCONY GARDEN**

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION  
FY2021-22 (PROJECTED)**

Australian Government  
**Climate Active**  
**Public Disclosure Statement**

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An Australian Government Initiative



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY: TBG APAC PTY LTD (THE BALCONY GARDEN & POTS BY SLUGG)

REPORTING PERIOD: Financial year, 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 (Projected)

**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

12/7/21

Name of Signatory: Josh Harrison

Position of Signatory: Managing Director



**Australian Government**

**Department of Industry, Science,  
Energy and Resources**

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# 1. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

## Description of certification

All corporate operations of TBG APAC PTY LTD, trading as The Balcony Garden and Pots by Slugg (ABN 67 627 039 329), across our office and showrooms.

*“It’s a wonderful feeling knowing that everything we do from an organisational level right through to our products is 100% carbon neutral.”*

## Organisation description

TBG APAC (The Balcony Garden) is an Australian based online retailer, established in 2006 and specialised in handmade garden pots and planters that are designed to complement both modern and classic architecture. We proud ourselves of using ethically sourced materials and practices in our constantly evolving collection.

Our handpicked product range include:

- Lightweight contemporary.
- Thai rustic planters.
- Pots and planters designed for interiors.
- Italian terracotta, and.
- Pot trays.

To complement our online sales system and delivery, the company has two showrooms, one in Sydney and one in Melbourne where the click & collect option is available. They both are included our emissions boundary.

This certification reflects The Balcony Garden focus on becoming a more sustainable organization by improving environmental performance and driving long-term, sustainable growth.

## 2. EMISSION BOUNDARY

### Diagram of the certification boundary

The Balcony Garden's emissions boundary includes all direct (scope 1) and indirect (scope 2) emission sources, as well as all relevant indirect (Scope 3) emission sources related to our business operation. The Balcony Garden is also certifying its products under the Climate Active standards, resulting in the following shared emission sources between the two certifications: waste (recycling and landfilled), Stationary energy (LPG) and Postage, courier, and freight (*parent-Child relationship*).

<u>Quantified</u>	<u>Non-quantified</u>	<u>Excluded</u>
<i>Purchased Electricity</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>All specific product related activities:</i>
<i>Stationary energy</i>		<i>Pot/planters products manufacturing</i>
<i>Professional Services</i>		<i>Transport</i>
<i>Business travel</i>		<i>Packaging</i>
<i>Waste - recycling</i>		<i>Packaging and product disposal</i>
<i>Waste - landfilled.</i>		
<i>Employee commute</i>		
<i>Postage, courier, and freight</i>		
<i>Water consumption</i>		
<i>Computer equipment</i>		
<i>Printing and stationery</i>		
<i>Telecommunications</i>		
<i>Clothing</i>		
<i>Website</i>		
<i>Subscriptions</i>		
<i>Cleaning services</i>		
<i>Food and catering</i>		
<i>Repairs and maintenance</i>		

## Non-quantified sources

All relevant emissions sources that result from The Balcony Garden's operations have been quantified and included in the GHG inventory.

## Data management plan

A data management plan is not required as all relevant emissions sources have been quantified and included in the GHG account.

## Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

Emissions source excluded from the organisation certification are not corporate related activities and therefore not relevant to this certification boundary. The excluded emission sources are part of The Balcony Garden's products certification.

- Pot/planters products manufacturing
- Transport (upstream and product delivery)
- Packaging (first and secondary)
- Packaging and product disposal

*“The changes we’ve implemented along the way have not only improved our environmental impact - but they have also made our manufacturing processes more efficient and improved our overall supply chain.”*

### 3. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

#### Emissions reduction strategy

At The Balcony Garden has a core commitment with the Environment. Our responsibility starts from our hand-picked process to select the best hand-made garden pots and planters made from ethically sourced materials to the tracking and accountability of our activity's footprint. As a small organisation that dares big our focus is to establish a medium-long term emissions reduction strategy that reflects this commitment. Undertaking the following activities will serve as a guidance while developing a detailed emissions reduction strategy over the next two years:

- Annual tracking of our GHG footprint as part of our Climate Active Certification
- Identifying and implementing opportunities to reduce emissions from our main sources.
- Share our annual results with our employees as a part of an awareness initiative and behavioral change.
- Prioritize the acquisition of Climate Active Carbon neutral products and services.
- Explore the GreenPower products from electricity retailers.

#### Emissions summary (inventory)

The Balcony Garden total organisational GHG footprint is projected to be 85 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e.

**Table 2**

Emission source category	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
Electricity (Market based)	19.79
ICT services and equipment (Website, computer and technical services, telecommunications, software subscriptions)	13.89
Waste (General)	13.62
Professional Services (Advertising & Promotion, Business services, onsite inspection)	9.00
Staff commute	8.22
Food	4.64
Office equipment & supplies	4.00
Maintenance and repairs	2.62
Business travel	2.16
Stationary Energy (LPG)	1.46

Emission source category	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
Cleaning services	0.69
Water	0.29
Postage, courier, and freight	0.18
Clothing	0.16
Waste Recycling	0.0
<i>Total Net Emissions</i>	<b>80.72</b>

## Uplift factors

Table 3

Reason for uplift factor	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
5% to account for immaterial items	<b>4.03</b>
<i>Total footprint to offset (uplift factors + net emissions)</i>	<b>85 (rounded up)</b>

## Carbon neutral products

No carbon neutral products were purchased within The Balcony Garden's organisational boundary.

## Electricity summary

Electricity was calculated using a market-based approach.

### Market-based approach summary

Market Based Approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Renewable %
Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total non-grid electricity</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0.0%
GreenPower	0	0	0.0%
Jurisdictional renewables	0	0	0.0%
Residual Electricity	18,435	19,791	0.0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	4,313	0	19.0%
<b>Total grid electricity</b>	<b>22,749</b>	<b>19,791</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
<b>Total Electricity Consumed (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>22,749</b>	<b>19,791</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
Electricity renewables	4,313	0	
Residual Electricity	18,435	19,791	
<b>Exported on-site generated electricity</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Emission Footprint (kgCO <sub>2</sub> e)		19,791	

<b>Emission Footprint (TCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>19.79</b>
<b>LRET renewables</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
<b>Voluntary Renewable Electricity</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total renewables</b>	<b>19.0%</b>

### Location-based approach summary

Location Based Approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> e)
NSW	17,234	15,510
Vic	5,515	6,011
<b>Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)</b>	<b>22,749</b>	<b>21,522</b>
NSW	0	0
Vic	0	0
<b>Non-grid electricity (Behind the meter)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Electricity Consumed</b>	<b>22,749</b>	<b>21,522</b>
<b>Emission Footprint (TCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>22</b>	



## 4. CARBON OFFSETS

### Offsets strategy

#### Offset purchasing strategy: Forward purchasing

1. Total offsets previously forward purchased and banked for this report	0
2. Total emissions liability to offset for this report	85
3. Net offset balance for this reporting period	85
4. Total offsets to be forward purchased to offset the next reporting period	0
5. Total offsets required for this report	85

### Co-benefits

#### Offset project Category Overview Winds of Change –

**China\*:** Wind Power Projects constructed across China introduce clean energy into the nation's rapidly expanding power grid, which has traditionally been dominated by fossil fuel-fired power plants. The locations of these renewable energy power plants are strategically important with many located on power grids that supply China's main population centers. Wind power has some of the lowest environmental impacts of any source of electricity generation. Unlike conventional sources, wind power significantly reduces carbon emissions, saves billions of litres of water a year and cuts pollution that creates smog and causes health problems. These projects also create employment in the emerging renewable energy industry and help stimulate local business development.



*The projects meet the following Sustainable Development Goals*



\* Source: Tasman environmental Markets

**Offset project Category Overview Winds of Change –**

**India\*:** Across India, wind farms introduce clean energy to the grid which would otherwise be generated by coal-fired power stations. Wind power is clean in two ways: it produces no direct emissions and avoids the local air pollutants associated with fossil fuels. Electricity availability in the region have been improved, reducing the occurrence of blackouts across the area. The projects support national energy security and strengthen rural electrification coverage. In construction the turbines new roads were built, improving accessibility for locals. The boost in local employment by people engaged as engineers, maintenance technicians, 24-hour on-site operators and security guards also boosts local economies and village services.

\* Source: Tasman environmental Markets



*The projects meet the following Sustainable Development Goals*



## Offsets summary

Proof of cancellation of offset units

Offsets cancelled for Climate Active Carbon Neutral Certification										
Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Eligible Quantity (TCO2-e)	Quantity used for previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period claim	Percentage of total (%)
VCS-CHN-Ningxia Xiangshan Wind	VCUs	APX	21 Mar 2018	<a href="#">6827-345860406-345860491-VCU-034-APX-CN-1-1867-01012018-31122018-0</a>	2018	86	0	1	85	100%
Total offsets retired this report and used in this report										85
Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports										1
									(see FY22 product certification)	
Type of offset units			Quantity (used for this reporting period claim)				Percentage of Total			
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)			85				100%			

## 5. USE OF TRADE MARK

Table 8

Description where trademark used	Logo type
Website	Certified organisation
Email Signature	Certified organisation
LinkedIn	Certified organisation
Other social media (Instagram/twitter)	Certified organisation
Other Marketing material (online communications, printed material)	Certified organisation

## 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None

# 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 9**

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>
<i>Pot/planters products manufacturing</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No
<i>Transport</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No
<i>Packaging</i>	No	No	No	No	No
<i>Packaging and product disposal</i>	No	No	No	No	No

APPENDIX 2

Non-quantified emissions for organisations

Table 10

Non-quantification test				
Relevant-non-quantified emission sources	<i>Immaterial &lt;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>
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

