



# **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

THE BALCONY GARDEN

PRODUCT CERTIFICATION  
FY2021-22 (PROJECTED)

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



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THE BALCONY GARDEN

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

This certification covers all the variety of pots, planters, and accessories categorized under our four design ranges: Willow, Bad Names, Humphrey and Tommaso. Our products are handpicked around the world. Details of the origin and material of each of our ranges is shown below:

Range	Origin	Material
Willow	Vietnam	Polyresin, fiber
Humphrey	Vietnam	Polyresin, fiber
Bad Names	Thailand	Clay
Tommaso	Italy	Terracotta (Clay)
Pots by Slugg	Vietnam	Polyresin, fiber

*“With this certification, our designer pots and planters are not only beautiful, but also do not contribute to climate change”.*

The functional unit for this certification is kg of pot or planter<sup>1</sup>/kg CO<sub>2</sub>-e. (or a ton of product/ tCO<sub>2</sub>-e.)

## Organisation description

TBG trading as *The Balcony Garden* and *Pots by Slugg* (henceforth referred to as 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:

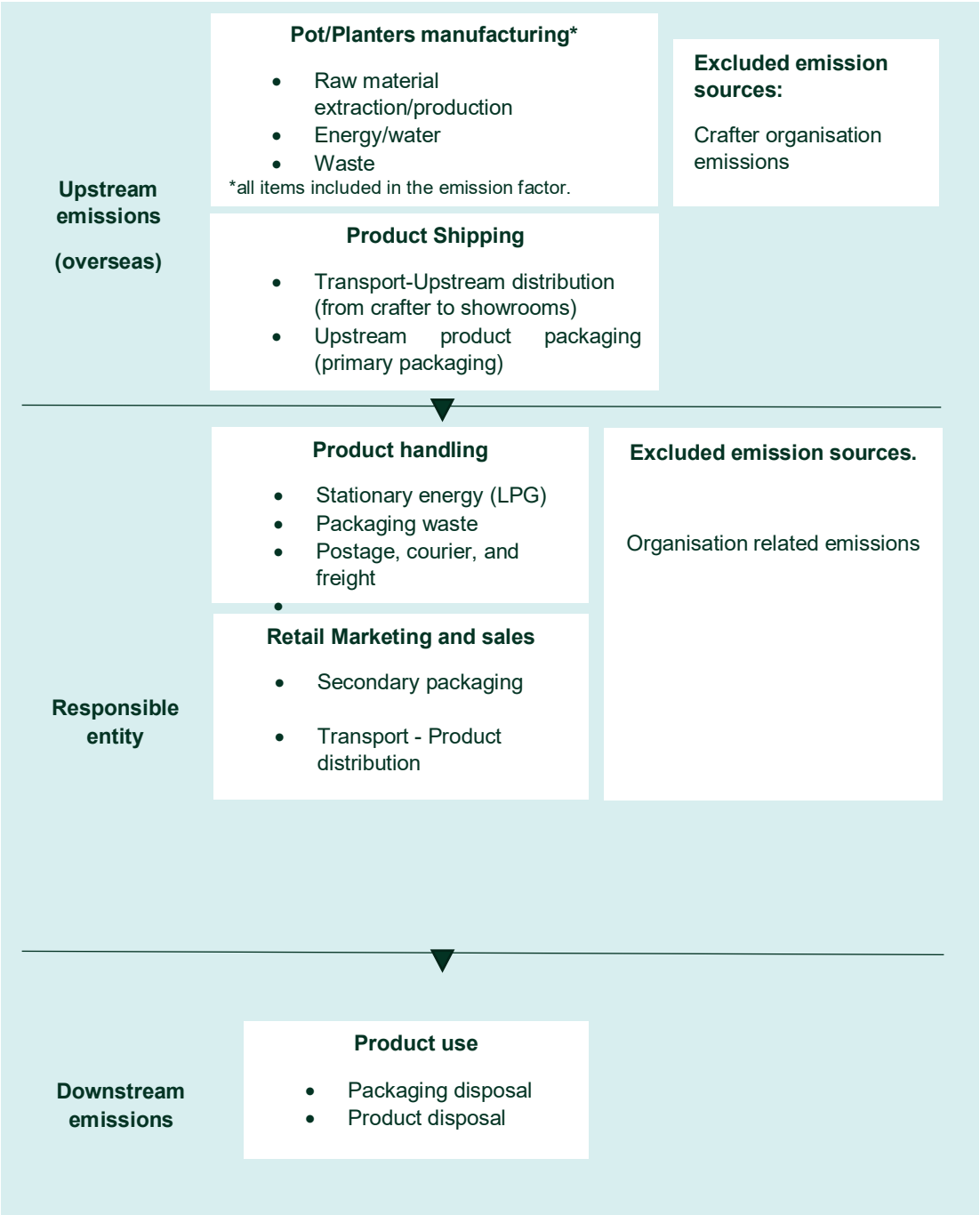
- Lightweight contemporary.
- Thai rustic planters.
- Pots and planters designed for interiors.
- Italian terracotta, and.
- Pot trays.

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

<sup>1</sup> All ranges included.

Product/service process diagram

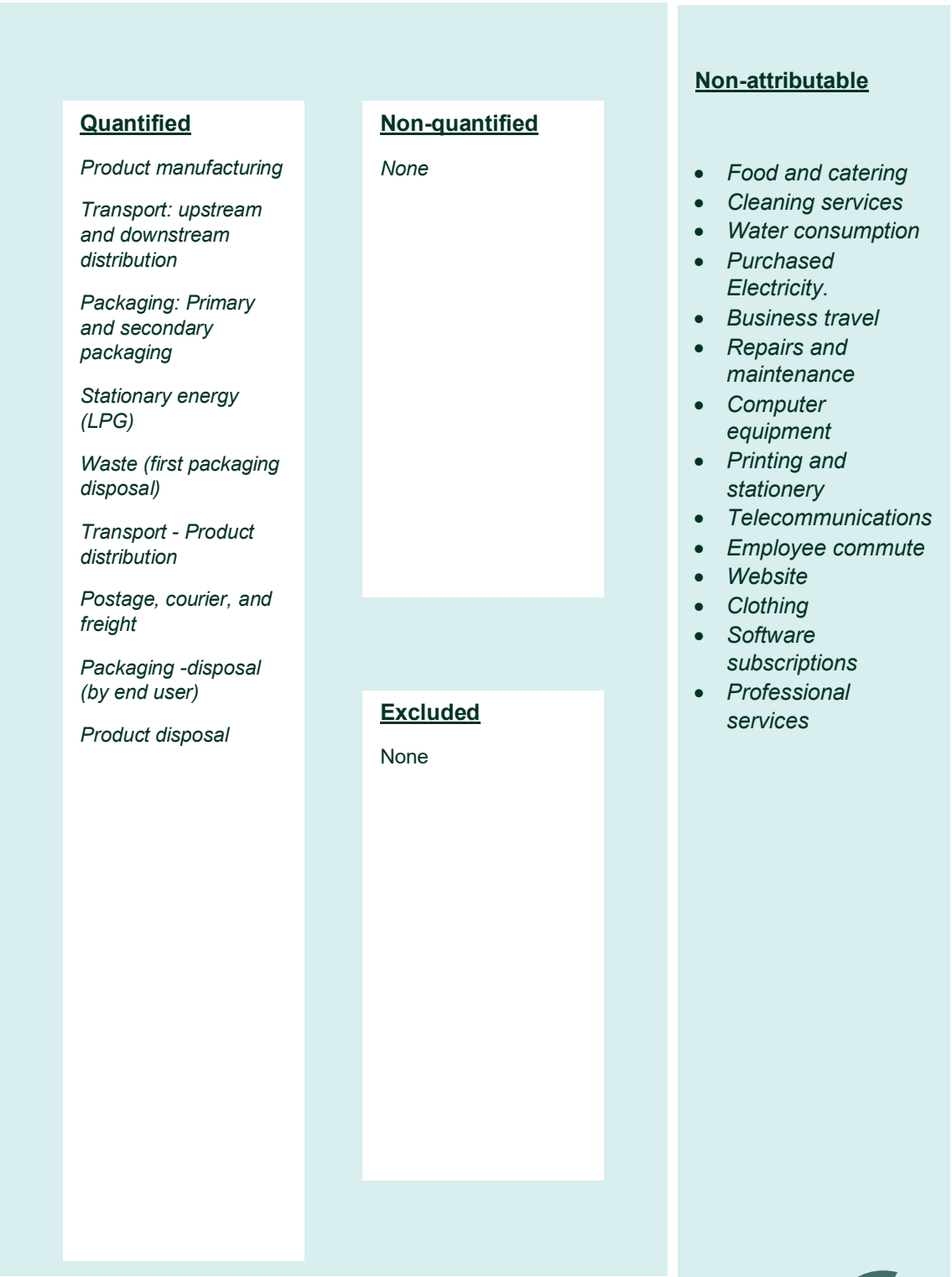
The following diagram is cradle to grave.



## 2. EMISSION BOUNDARY

### Diagram of the certification boundary

The diagram below shows all relevant emission sources related to our product ranges. Note that waste (recycling and landfilled), Stationary energy (LPG) and Postage, courier, and freight emission sources are shared with The Balcony Garden’s organisation certification in a parent-child relationship.



## Attributable non-quantified sources

All relevant emissions sources that related to The Balcony Garden's products 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 (within certification boundary)

None

## Non attributable sources (outside certification boundary)

The following emission sources have been identified as Non attributable (outside certification boundary) for The Balcony Garden's product certification as they are not integral part of the product life cycle, they are however, included in The Balcony Garden organisation's boundary.

- Food and catering
- Cleaning services
- Water consumption
- Purchased Electricity.
- Business travel
- Repairs and maintenance
- Computer equipment
- Printing and stationery
- Telecommunications
- Employee commute
- Website
- Clothing
- Software subscriptions
- Professional services

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

### 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. We are focused on establishing 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.

#### Functional units

**Table 2**

	Number of functional units
<i>a) Number of functional units sold this period</i>	0
<i>b) Number of functional units to be forward offset demonstrating commitment to carbon neutrality (true-up to be conducted at the end of the reporting period)</i>	119.7

## Emissions summary (inventory)

**Table 3**

Emission source category	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
Product manufacturing (polyresin)	324.12
Product manufacturing (clay/terracotta clay)	31.65
Transport-Product distribution	79.67
Transport -upstream distribution	38.70
Waste (General)	13.63
Packaging disposal (end user)	9.03
Primary packaging	2.54
Stationary Energy (LPG)	1.46
Secondary packaging	1.49
Postage, courier, and freight	0.18
Waste recycling	0.00
Product disposal	0.00
<b>1. Total inventory emissions</b>	<b>502.47</b>
<b>a. Number of functional units represented by the inventory emissions</b>	<b>119.7</b>
<b>2. Emissions per functional unit (based on the number of functional units represented by the inventory)</b> <i>Total tCO<sub>2</sub>-e divided by the number of functional units in 1a.</i>	<b>4.19</b>
<b>3. Carbon footprint</b> <i>(Emissions per functional unit (2)* number of functional units (a or b from table 2))</i>	<b>503 (rounded up)</b>

## Carbon neutral products

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

## 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	503
3. Net offset balance for this reporting period	503
4. Total offsets to be forward purchased to offset the next reporting period	0
5. Total offsets required for this report	503

### 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



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## Offsets summary

### Proof of cancellation of offset units

The Balcony Garden is pursuing organisational and product certification, and boundaries overlap by **16 tCO<sub>2</sub>-e**. These are offset in The Balcony Gardens organisational certification (as parent certification). The offset requirement for this report is **therefore 487 tCO<sub>2</sub>-e**.

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 (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Quantity used for previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period claim	Percentage of total (%)
Ningxia Xiangshan Wind	VCUs	VERRA	04 May 2021	<a href="#"><u>6827-345860406-345860491-VCU-034-APX-CN-1-1867-01012018-31122018-0</u></a>	2018	1 <i>(remainder retired for organisational certification FY22-shared emissions)</i>	0	0	1	1.4%
Enercon Wind Farms in Kamataka	CERs	ANREU	04 May 2021	<a href="#"><u>216,956,554 - 216,957,039</u></a> <i>(see retirement receipt in additional information)</i>	CP2	486	0	0	486	99.8%
Total offsets retired this report and used in this report										487
Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports										0


Type of offset units	Quantity (used for this reporting period claim)	Percentage of Total
Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs)	486	99.8%
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	1	0.2%

## 5. USE OF TRADE MARK

Table 7

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

## 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Australian National Registry of Emissions Units

Transaction Details

Transaction details appear below.

Transaction Successfully Approved

Transaction ID

AU18264

Current Status

Sending (91)

Status Date

04/05/2021 14:57:15 (AEST)  
04/05/2021 04:57:15 (GMT)

Transaction Type

Cancellation (4)

Transaction Initiator

Grant, Andrew William Thorold

Transaction Approver

Grant, Andrew William Thorold

Comment

Cancelled on behalf of the Balcony Garden to meet its organisational and product carbon neutral claims against the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for FY22.

Transferring Account

Account Number

AU-2734

Account Name

Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd

Account Holder

Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd

Acquiring Account

Account Number

AU-2704

Account Name

Voluntary Cancellation - CP2

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
IN	CER	Kyoto Voluntary Cancellation	2	2					IN-1299			210,956,554 - 210,957,039	486

# APPENDIX 1

## Non-attributable emissions for products

To be deemed attributable an emission must meet two of the five relevance criteria. Non-attributable emissions are detailed below against each of the five criteria. Note that the following emission sources have been included in The Balcony Garden certification boundary under the Climate Active organisation standards.

**Table 8**

Relevance test					
Non-attributable emission	<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>
Food and catering	No	No	No	No	No
Cleaning services	No	No	No	No	No
Water consumption	No	No	No	No	No
Purchased electricity.	No	No	No	No	No
Business travel	No	No	No	No	No
Repairs and maintenance	No	No	No	No	No
Computer equipment	No	No	No	No	No
Printing and stationery	No	No	No	No	No

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Telecommunications	No	No	No	No	No
Employee commute	No	No	No	No	No
Clothing	No	No	No	No	No
Software subscriptions	No	No	No	No	No
website	No	No	No	No	No

# APPENDIX 2

## Non-quantified emissions for products

All relevant emissions for TBG products have been quantified

Table 9

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

