



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

DYMOND COWAN PTY LTD

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
FY2020-21**

Australian Government
Climate Active
Public Disclosure Statement



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY: Dymond Cowan Pty Ltd, Trading as The Knight

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2021

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 3/12/2021

Name of Signatory Alex Smale

Position of Signatory Training & Sustainability Manager



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1. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

This inventory has been prepared for the calendar year from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2020 and covers the Australian business operations of Dymond Cowan Pty Ltd, trading as The Knight, ABN: 20 007 112 816.

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 includes the following facilities:

- Level 2, 3-6 Glenferrie Road, Malvern 3144 VIC
- 1380/401 Docklands Drive, Docklands 3008 VIC

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

“The Knight aspires to be one of the most sustainable strata management companies in Australia. Obtaining a Climate Active certification is a key step in that journey.”

Organisation description

The Knight has a solid twenty-five-year reputation as Victoria’s leading Owners Corporation Management Company.

Our experience managing Owners Corporations associated with high-rise residential properties dates from 1995 when The Knight was appointed the Manager for ‘The Domain’ Apartments located at 1 Albert Road, Melbourne, which we still manage to this day.

Dymond Cowan Pty. Ltd. Trading as The Knight Alliance ‘The Knight’ is a private Company, 100% owned by Melbournians Robert & Joyce Evans.

Robert Evans is Executive Director of The Knight and Joyce Evans is The Knight’s People & Culture Manager. Their son, Gregor Evans, is The Knight’s Managing Director

The Knight’s governance framework includes an Advisory Board that oversees the management of the Company.

2. EMISSION BOUNDARY

Diagram of the certification boundary



Non-quantified sources

N/A

Data management plan

N/A

Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

N/A

“ We play an active role in encouraging our clients to be more sustainable and believe it is necessary for our business to have sustainable practices as well. .”

3. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions reduction strategy

FY21 has been the first year that the Knight have performed a detailed carbon footprint, and will use this as a baseline for future reductions over coming years in key areas such as electricity and working from home. Detailed targets will be set once working from the office and home arrangements have been confirmed post-covid. In early 2022 The Knight will be moving to a new office and we are investigating reducing our footprint by installing solar panels on this office & using only green power by the end of next year. Internally, we have a sustainability committee that meets once a month that will continue to introduce new sustainable improvements to the business.

Emissions summary (inventory)

Table 1

Emission source category	tonnes CO ₂ -e
Accommodation and facilities	0.15
Cleaning and Chemicals	0.58
Electricity	32.30
Food	2.37
ICT services and equipment	8.55
Land and Sea Transport (fuel)	23.5
Land and Sea Transport (km)	5.1
Office equipment & supplies	3.61
Postage, courier and freight	2.14
Professional Services	6.69
Refrigerants	0.19
Taxi & Ride Sharing	0.001
Waste	0.40
Water	0.29
Working from home	40.50

Total Net Emissions

126.37

Uplift factors

Table 2

Reason for uplift factor	tonnes CO ₂ -e
N/A	
<i>Total footprint to offset (uplift factors + net emissions)</i>	126.37

Carbon neutral products

This assessment and Climate Active submission was prepared with the assistance of [Pangolin Associates](#) and these services are also carbon neutral.

Electricity summary

Electricity was calculated using a market-based approach.

Market-based approach summary

Table 3

Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	Renewable %
Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated	0	0	0%
Total non-grid electricity	0	0	0%
LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	5,930	0	13%
Jurisdictional renewables	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	8,411	0	19%
Residual Electricity	30,101	32,301	0%
Total grid electricity	44,442	32,301	32%
Total Electricity Consumed (grid + non grid)	44,442	32,301	32%
Electricity renewables	14,341	0	
Residual Electricity	30,101	32,301	
Exported on-site generated electricity	0	0	
Emission Footprint (kgCO ₂ -e)		32,301	

Emission Footprint (tCO₂-e)	32
LRET renewables	18.93%
Voluntary Renewable Electricity	13.34%
Total renewables	32%

Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%

Location-based approach summary

Table 4

Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO ₂ e)
Vic	44,442	48,442
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	44,442	48,442
Vic	0	0
Non-grid electricity (Behind the meter)	0	0
Total Electricity Consumed	44,442	48,442

Emission Footprint (tCO₂-e)	48
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4. CARBON OFFSETS

Offsets strategy

Table 5

Offset purchasing strategy:	
In arrears	
1. Total offsets previously forward purchased and banked for this report	0
2. Total emissions liability to offset for this report	127
3. Net offset balance for this reporting period	127
4. Total offsets to be forward purchased to offset the next reporting period	0
5. Total offsets required for this report	127

Co-benefits

NIHT Inc. has partnered with the traditional landowners of New Ireland and East New Britain to put an end to deforestation initiated by industrial logging in the region. The preservation of these rainforests is essential to not only the carbon and biodiversity benefits inherent with projects of this nature, but also for the wellbeing and prosperity of the people of New Ireland and East New Britain. The project is located in the forested areas of New Ireland and East New Britain in Papua New Guinea. The project has evolved based on the input and needs expressed by persons living in the region. What began as a traditional timber operation has been recognised as an opportunity with enormous carbon sequestering potential and has evolved into a forest protection project that will provide substantial economic benefits to the people of Papua New Guinea. Through the avoidance of carrying out exploitative industrial commercial timber harvesting in the project area, the project expects to generate nearly 60 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions reductions across the 30 year project lifetime, depending on the number and size of Project Activity Instances (PAIs) added to the project.

Offsets summary

Proof of cancellation of offset units

Table 6

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 ₂ -e)	Quantity used for previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period claim	Percentage of total (%)
NIHT Topaiyo REDD + Project in New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea.	VCU	Verra	14/10/2021	9629-113182823-113182949-VCS-VCU-466-VER-PG-14-2293-01062017-31122019-0	2019	127	0	0	127	100%
Total offsets retired this report and used in this report										127
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
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	127	100

5. USE OF TRADE MARK

Table 7

Description where trademark used	Logo type
Reports / Annual Report	Certified organisation
Media releases	Certified organisation
e-mail signatures	Certified organisation
Website	Certified organisation
Newsletters	Certified organisation
Presentations	Certified organisation

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

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 8

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

Table 9

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>

N/A



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