# National Carbon Offset Standard Carbon Neutral Program **Public Disclosure Summary**





An Australian Government Initiative

COMPANY NAME The GPT Group REPORTING PERIOD 1/1/2016 to 31/12/2016

### Declaration

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this Public Disclosure Summary is true and correct and meets the requirements of the National Carbon Offset Standard Carbon Neutral Program.

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Type of carbon neutral certification: Organisation

Verification

Date of most recent external verification/audit: June 2016

Auditor: EY

Auditor assurance statement link: http://www.gpt.com.au/Sustainability/Assurance



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### 1. Carbon neutral information

#### **Introduction**

GPT is an Australian property group with broad access to capital invested in quality assets which, through proactive management, create great customer experiences and superior returns. GPT aspires to be an overall positive contributor to our communities, people and the environment. We aim to manage our sustainability performance in a way that invites our stakeholders to hold us to account.

With sustainability integrated into GPT's strategy, we recognise the importance of underpinning our business objectives with an aligned organisational culture, effective stakeholder engagement, and good governance and business processes that embed sustainability practices into our day-to-day operations. With almost one-half of GPT's stock owned by off-shore security holders, our performance and reputation is monitored in an international context.

The Group's model is focused on active ownership of high quality Australian real estate in the Retail, Office and Logistic sectors. Funds Management and selective development complement this focus.

GPT's carbon neutrality encompasses the company's workplaces as described in the boundary below. All of these office areas are under GPT's operational control.

#### Emission sources within certification boundary

Quantified sources

Scope 1 sources include:

- Natural gas
- Stationary fuels
- Refrigerants

Scope 2 sources include:

• Purchased electricity used in tenanted spaces for light and power

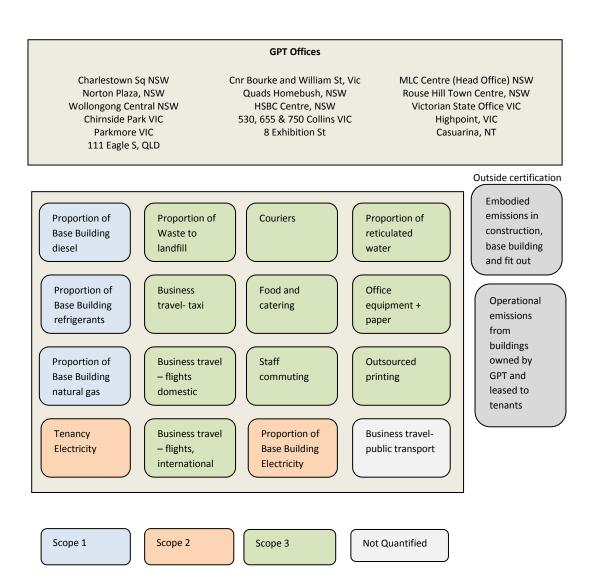
Scope 3 sources include:

- Water
- Paper
- Stationery
- Employees travelling to and from work
- Business flights
- Food & catering
- Couriers
- Printing
- Hotel accommodation (domestic & international)
- Taxis
- Waste to landfill and recycling
- Base building electricity (including GreenPower)

#### Non-quantified sources

The scope of the inventory excludes emissions associated with the development and management of assets owned in full or in part by The GPT Group and any emissions embodied in materials used for tenancy fitouts.

#### **Diagram of certification boundary**



#### 2. Emissions reduction measures

#### Part A. Emissions over time

Table 1. Emissions since base year				
	Base Year 2011	2016		
Scope 1	25.7 tonnes CO2e	25.8 tonnes CO2e		
Scope 2	1220.7 tonnes CO2e	792.0 tonnes CO2e		
Scope 3	4521.9 tonnes CO2e	2932.0 tonnes CO2e		
Total	5768.3 tonnes CO2e	3,749.8 tonnes CO2e		

#### Part B. Emissions reduction strategy

GPT's emissions reduction strategy is in four parts:

- Avoid emissions, for example software tools allowing videoconferencing from the desk and sharing screens avoids the need for some flights
- Improve efficiency, for example using high efficiency lighting in our fitouts
- Transition to renewable energy, negotiating with our electricity supplier to include Green Power
- Purchasing carbon neutral products or offsets for the remainder

#### Part C. Emissions reduction actions

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# 3. Emissions summary

Table 2. Emissions Summary				
Scope	Emission source	t CO <sub>2</sub> -e		
1	Diesel Oil	0.9		
1	Natural Gas	29.1		
1	Refrigerant	0.6		
2	Electricity (tenancy)	892.4		
3	Electricity (base building)	774.5		
3	Water	1.4		
3	Paper	13.2		
3	Stationary	65.7		
3	Employee commute	493.5		
3	Business flights	935.5		
3	Food & catering	215.0		
3	Couriers	18.4		
3	Printing	127.2		
3	Hotel accommodation	86.8		
3	International hotel accommodation	0.9		
3	Taxis	33.3		
3	Waste – landfill	46.2		
3	Recycling	15.2		
Total Gross Emissions		3749.8		
GreenPower and surplus offsets from previous year		(2303.1)		
Total Net Emissions		1,446.7		

# 4. Carbon offsets

### Part A. Offsets summary

Table 3. Offsets Summary					
Offset type and registry	Year retired	Quantity	Serial numbers		
Verified Carbon Standard APX VCS Registry	2017	1,447	1968-80451677-80453123-VCU-009- APX-IN-1-370-01012008-31122008-0		
Wind Energy project, India.	2016	1,843	2798-121104565-121106667-VCU-009- APX-IN-1-957-28032006-15012007-0		
Total offsets retired	1,447t retired on 14/4/17 1,843t retired on 23/5/2016 (originally retired in anticipation of 2016) 3,290t TOTAL				
Net emissions	0				
Total offsets held in surplus for	1,875t				

## Part B. Offsets purchasing and retirement strategy

Carbon offsets are purchased and retired on an annual basis following the estimation of emissions for the previous reporting period. Only NCOS eligible carbon offsets are used by GPT towards their carbon neutrality and these are purchased and retired by Pangolin Associates on behalf of GPT through the APX Registry.

# 5. Use of trade mark

Table 4. Trade mark register		
Where used	Logo type	
GPT website www.gpt.com.au/sustainability	Certified organisation	