



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**BELCONNEN ARTS CENTRE
INCORPORATED**

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
CY2024**

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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated
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DECLARATION	<p><i>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.</i></p>  <p>Jack Lloyd Executive Director & Co-CEO 27/01/2026</p>



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1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	139 tCO ₂ -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	100% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	92.61%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Evaluate8 Sustainability
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	N/A

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2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Description of organisation certification

This organisation certification is for the business operations of Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated ABN 63 254 459 205.

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 location:

- 118 Emu Bank, Belconnen ACT 2617

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

Where possible, the calculation methodologies and emission factors used in this inventory are derived from the National Greenhouse Accounts (NGA) Factors in accordance with "Method 1" from the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008.

This Public Disclosure Statement includes information for CY2024 reporting period.

Organisation description

Belconnen Arts Centre Inc (Belco Arts) is one of the ACT's leading arts centres. Belco Arts was established in 2009 and then fully realised with the addition of new galleries, a rehearsal room and prestigious black box theatre opening in August 2020 and reaches outside its doors to present activities around the ACT.

Belco Arts is an inclusive and welcoming destination. We take pride in purposefully devising our artistic program to provide opportunities to reflect our community's rich diversity back to itself in celebration. We support artists across the breadth of the arts to be courageous in their ambitions and challenge them to elevate their practice to the next level.

We have commissioned new First Nations theatre work and exhibitions, worked in partnership with the LGBTIQ+ community to present exhibitions and drag pageants, and delivered over a decade of arts programs and opportunities specifically devised with and for disabled artists to grow their practice.

Belco Arts is a place to conceive ideas, undertake creative journeys, share stories, experiment, be bold and make memories. We achieve outstanding outcomes through our dynamic expert staff team with reliable governance by a board of highly skilled professionals in business, HR, the arts, academia, and law.

We are a Deductible Gift Recipient (ABN 63 254 459 205), and our operations are secured through multi-year Arts Centre Investment funding from the ACT Government. We are agile, efficient, imaginative, and resilient in how we operate and navigate the ever-changing environment.

3.EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

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

Inside the emissions boundary

All emission sources listed in the emissions boundary are part of the carbon neutral claim.

Quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are quantified in the carbon inventory. This may include emissions that are not identified as arising due to the operations of the certified entity, however, are **optionally included**.

Non-quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are captured within the emissions boundary but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. All material emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. Further detail is available at Appendix C.

Outside the emissions boundary

Excluded emissions are those that have been assessed as not relevant to an organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary or are outside of the scope of the certification. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Further detail is available at Appendix D.

Inside emissions boundary		Outside emission boundary
<p><u>Quantified</u></p> <p>Accommodation and facilities</p> <p>Cleaning and chemicals</p> <p>Climate Active carbon neutral products and services</p> <p>Construction materials and services</p> <p>Electricity</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Horticulture and agriculture</p> <p>ICT services and equipment</p> <p>Machinery and vehicles</p> <p>Office equipment and supplies</p> <p>Postage, courier and freight</p> <p>Products</p> <p>Professional services</p> <p>Refrigerants</p> <p>Roads and landscape</p> <p>Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)</p> <p>Stationary energy (liquid fuels)</p> <p>Stationary energy (solid fuels)</p> <p>Transport (air)</p> <p>Transport (land and sea)</p> <p>Waste</p> <p>Water</p> <p>Working from home</p>	<p><u>Non-quantified</u></p> <p>N/A</p>	<p><u>Excluded</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p><u>Optionally included</u></p> <p>N/A</p>	

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Belconnen Arts Centre commits to reducing its total scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions from the organisation by 20% by 2030 compared to its 2022 baseline. This will be achieved through:

Scope 1 emissions (30% reduction):

Action 1: Replacing the Stage 1 gas hot water heater with an electric alternative, by 2030.

Action 2: Reducing number of refrigerators and switching refrigerators off more frequently by only stocking them with new product the day prior to events, by 2024.

Scope 2 emissions (30% reduction):

Action 1: Installing a 65.88 kW solar power system, by 2025.

Action 2: Replacing metal halide and fluorescent lighting fittings with LED, by 2025.

Action 3: Review of BMS settings and programming to align schedules with use, by 2024 and annually.

Action 4: Review of technical equipment standby mode power consumption, including theatrical dimmers, amplifiers, and public announce systems, by 2024.

Scope 3 emissions (15% reduction):

Action 1: Implementing low emissions arts programming (LEAP) strategies, by 2024 (see below).

Action 2: Maintaining our commitment to flexible work-from-home arrangements for staff, by 2024 and ongoing.

Action 3: Installing good quality, high-capacity secure bike storage, by 2024.

Action 4: A yearly review of emissions reduction strategies of key consultants, e.g. legal or accounting services, and consideration of emissions reduction commitments when renewing or engaging with consultants, by 2024 and annually.

Action 5: Reviewing cleaning products and replacing them with lower emissions alternatives if available, by 2024.

Low emissions arts programming (LEAP) strategies

Workshops

Prioritise using materials already in stock, or recycled materials where possible, current and ongoing.

Implement a bulk ordering process using minimal suppliers and Australian made where possible, begin 2024.

Give strong consideration when programming to artists who focus on sustainability in their personal creative practice, begin 2024.

Use workshop models which minimise prep time/tools and materials required for delivery of multiple programs, current and ongoing.

Have clear capacity limits to participation so that materials requirements are clear and over ordering doesn't take place, current and ongoing.

Exhibition Program

Prioritise representation of local artists, current and ongoing.

Investigate sustainable freight and postage operators for artwork and provide guidance to interstate artists, guidance provided by mid-2024.

Consider sustainable creative practice as part of the mix of curatorial factors when programming exhibitions, current and ongoing.

Performing Artists

Ensure strong representation of local artists in theatre and residency programs where possible, as resources available.

General

Where possible and practical, host meetings with artists online or over phone, current and ongoing.

Paperless admin for artists – all contracts and documents provided digitally where possible, current and ongoing.

Articulate Belco Arts philosophy on sustainability and sharing information on our values with potential contractors, website content created by mid-2024.

Emissions reduction actions

In line with Belconnen Arts Centre commitment to reducing its total scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions the initiatives listed below have resulted in substantial emissions reduction of at least 20 tonnes from 2022 baseline, maintained over 2 years. Our emissions in 2024 were steady compared to 2023, despite increases to attendance and turnover.

- Installation of a large solar power system (~70kW) was completed in November 2024. This is the largest capital investment Belco Arts has ever made and will reduce emissions and running costs for years to come.
- We have committed to installation of secure and powered bike storage in 2025 to encourage staff active travel
- We've commenced replacement of inefficient lighting equipment
- We've reviewed our BMS and improved efficiency
- We've reduced the number of refrigerators in use
- Our low emissions arts programming are underway

5. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

Emissions since base year			
		Total tCO ₂ -e (without uplift)	Total tCO ₂ -e (with uplift)
Base year:	2021–22	143.47	150.64
Year 1:	2022–23	113.26	118.93
Year 2:	2023–24	131.65	138.23

Significant changes in emissions

Significant changes in emissions			
Emission source	Previous year emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	Current year emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	Reason for change
Advertising services	24.09	17.69	Outsourcing of accounting activities rather than delivery by in-house FTE staff.
Creative arts	0.00	17.32	Reporting gallery art sales materials and related expenses under the new/best fit emissions factor.
Natural Gas NSW/ACT (metro) (GJ)	12.22	13.70	Increase in attendance driving some additional use of hot water.

Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products, services, buildings or precincts

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
N/A	

Emissions summary

The electricity summary is available in Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a market-based approach.

Emission category	Scope 1 emissions (tCO ₂ -e)	Scope 2 emissions (tCO ₂ -e)	Scope 3 emissions (tCO ₂ -e)	Total emissions (t CO ₂ -e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	3.45	3.45
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	-	-	-	-
Construction materials and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	11.27	1.39	12.66
Food	0.00	0.00	7.14	7.14
Horticulture and agriculture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	9.19	9.19
Machinery and vehicles	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	8.17	8.17
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Products	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional services	0.00	0.00	62.26	62.26
Refrigerants	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
Roads and landscape	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)	10.92	0.00	2.78	13.70
Stationary energy (liquid fuels)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationary energy (solid fuels)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport (air)	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.39
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	7.97	7.97
Waste	0.00	0.00	2.18	2.18
Water	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.22
Working from home	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.24
Grand Total	14.92	11.27	105.45	131.65

Uplift factors

An uplift factor is an upwards adjustment to the total carbon inventory to account for relevant emissions that cannot be reasonably quantified or estimated. This conservative accounting approach helps ensure the integrity of the carbon neutral claim.

Reason for uplift factor	tCO ₂ -e
Mandatory 5% uplift for small organisations	6.58
Total of all uplift factors (tCO ₂ -e)	6.58
Total emissions footprint to offset (tCO₂-e) <i>(total emissions from summary table + total of all uplift factors)</i>	139.00

6. CARBON OFFSETS

Eligible offsets retirement summary

Offsets retired for Climate Active certification

Type of offset unit	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total units used
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	139	100%

Project name	Type of offset unit	Registry	Date retired	Serial number	Vintage	Total quantity retired	Quantity used in previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total used this reporting period
Bundled Solar Power Project by Solararise India Projects PVT. LTD.	VCU	Verra Registry	8/04/2025	10731-245188102-245188223-VCS-VCU-997-VER-IN-1-1762-01012020-25082020-0	2020	122	0	0	122	87.77%
Soubre Hydropower Project	VCU	Verra Registry	30/09/2025	10149-189372256-189372271-VCS-VCU-291-VER-CI-1-1522-25052017-31122017-0	2017	16	0	0	16	11.51%
Pacajai REDD+ Project	VCU	Verra Registry	17/11/2025	9738-128749408-128749408-VCS-VCU-259-VER-BR-14-981-01012017-31122017-0	2017	1	0	0	1	0.72%
Offset Totals:						139	0	0	139	100.00%

Stapled units summary

The below units have been 'stapled' to eligible Climate Active carbon offset units. Stapled units may represent a beneficial outcome, such as biodiversity protection or improved water quality. These purchases are additional to Climate Active program requirements.

Stapled units and their corresponding scheme or project have not been assessed by Climate Active against the offset integrity principles in the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standards and are not included in the list of eligible Climate Active carbon offset units (Appendix A of the Standards). Businesses have undertaken their own due diligence when purchasing these stapled units.

Project name	Unit type e.g. biodiversity	Project location	Eligible offset project stapled to	Stapled quantity	Link to project or evidence
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N/A

Co-benefits

The Bundled Solar Power Project, developed by SolarArise India Projects Pvt Ltd, generates clean electricity through solar energy — a renewable resource. The project is a bundled activity which includes the installation of a 120 MW solar project in various states of India through special-purpose vehicles.

Over the 10 years of the first crediting period, this project will replace anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases estimated to be approximately 213,089 tCO₂e per year, displacing 220,752 MWh/year amount of electricity from the generation-mix of power plants connected to the Indian grid, which is mainly dominated by thermal or fossil fuel-based power plants. This project is contributing to India's goal of generating 40% of its electricity through renewable resources by 2030.

From the developing country perspective, the project offers the following opportunities:

- Improves local air quality
- Avoids non-CO₂ greenhouse gas emissions
- Creates local job opportunities

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

There are two international best-practice methods for calculating electricity emissions – the location-based method and the market-based method. Reporting electricity emissions under both methods is called dual reporting.

Dual reporting of electricity emissions is useful, as it provides different perspectives of the emissions associated with a business's electricity usage.

Location-based method:

The location-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its location, and the emissions intensity of the electricity grid it relies on. It reflects the average emissions intensity of the electricity grid in the location (State) in which energy consumption occurs. The location-based method does not allow for any claims of renewable electricity from grid-imported electricity usage.

Market-based method:

The market-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its renewable energy investments. It reflects the emissions intensity of different electricity products, markets and investments. It uses a residual mix factor (RMF) to allow for unique claims on the zero emissions attribute of renewables without double-counting.

For this certification, electricity emissions have been set by using the **market-based approach**.

Market-based approach summary			
Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO ₂ -e)	Renewable percentage of total
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	0	0	0%
Climate Active precinct/building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCS surrendered)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Electricity products jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	139,586	0	74%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	34,798	0	18%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	0	0	0%
Residual Electricity	13,915	12,663	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	174,384	0	93%
Total grid electricity	188,299	12,663	93%
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	188,299	12,663	93%
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	13,915	12,663	
Scope 2	12,386	11,271	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	1,529	1,392	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	0	0	
Scope 3	0	0	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	92.61%
Mandatory	18.48%
Voluntary	74.13%
Behind the meter	0.00%
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO₂-e)	11.27
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO₂-e)	1.39
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	11.27
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	1.39
Total emissions liability (t CO₂-e)	12.66
<i>Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%</i>	

Location-based approach summary						
Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control	100%	(kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)
ACT	188,299	188,299	128,043	9,415	0	0
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	188,299	188,299	128,043	9,415	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0		
NSW	0	0	0	0		
SA	0	0	0	0		
VIC	0	0	0	0		
QLD	0	0	0	0		
NT	0	0	0	0		
WA	0	0	0	0		
TAS	0	0	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	0	0	0	0		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	188,299					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	128.04
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	9.41
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	128.04
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	9.41
Total emissions liability	137.46

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts	Electricity consumed in Climate Active certified building/precinct (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO ₂ -e)
N/A	0	0
<p><i>Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their building or precinct certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the building/precinct under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.</i></p>		

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO ₂ -e)
N/A	0	0
<p><i>Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their electricity product certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the electricity product under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.</i></p>		

APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Non-quantified emission sources

The following emissions sources have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. They have been non-quantified due to one of the following reasons:

1. **Immaterial** <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively
2. **Cost effective** Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.
3. **Data unavailable** Data is unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.
4. **Maintenance** Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified.

Relevant non-quantified emission sources	Justification reason
N/A	

Data management plan for non-quantified sources

There are no non-quantified sources in the emission boundary that require a data management plan.

APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to this organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Emission sources considered for relevance must be included within the certification boundary if they meet two of the five relevance criteria. Those which only meet one condition of the relevance test can be excluded from the certification boundary.

Emissions tested for relevance are detailed below against each of the following criteria:

1. **Size** The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.
2. **Influence** The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.
3. **Risk** The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.
4. **Stakeholders** Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.
5. **Outsourcing** 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.

Excluded emissions sources summary

Emission sources tested for relevance	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
N/A	N	N	N	N	N	<p>Size: N/A</p> <p>Influence: N/A</p> <p>Risk: N/A</p> <p>Stakeholders: N/A</p> <p>Outsourcing: N/A</p>



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