



# **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**GIBSON ARCHITECTS PTY LTD**

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION**

**FY2024-25**

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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Gibson Architects Pty Ltd
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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>Mark Gibson Director 02/10/2025</p>



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**Department of Climate Change, Energy,  
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# 1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	98 tCO <sub>2</sub> -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	100% VCU
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	18.20%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Green Moves (Aust) Pty Ltd
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Not Applicable (Small Organisation)

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## 2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

### Description of organisation certification

This carbon neutral certification is for the business operations of Gibson Architects Pty Ltd, ABN 42 133 834 698. The operational boundary of the carbon account has been defined based on the operational control approach; services are not included in this certification.

This Public Disclosure Statement includes information for FY 2024-2025 reporting period.

### Organisation description

Gibson Architects is a small architecture organisation delivering a mix of contemporary and traditional architecture that considers social, cultural, heritage and environmental influences.

Gibson Architects Pty Ltd (ABN 42 133 834 698) operates from a single office located at Block C, Level 1, 88 Limestone St Ipswich QLD, 4305.

The operational boundary of the carbon account has been defined based on the operational control approach. The carbon account has been prepared in accordance with the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Organisations. This entails using recognised emission factors and methods for carbon accounting published in Australia, such as the National Greenhouse Accounts (NGA) Factors, and the work of the international corporate accounting and reporting standard The Greenhouse Gas Protocol.

## 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
<b><u>Quantified</u></b>	<b><u>Non-quantified</u></b>	<b><u>Excluded</u></b>
Accommodation	Water	None
Carbon neutral products and services		
Cleaning and chemicals		
Electricity		
Food		
ICT services and equipment		
Machinery and vehicles		
Professional services		
Office equipment and supplies		
Postage, courier and freight		
Refrigerants		
Stationary energy and fuels		
Transport (air)		
Transport (land and sea)		
Waste		
Working from home		

## 4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

### Emissions reduction strategy

Gibson Architects commits to reduce emissions across its value chain (scope 1, 2 and 3) by at least 10% by 2030, and 30% by 2040 from our FY 2023 base year. We will measure this on an emissions intensity basis which will be based on emissions / FTE.

We have achieved our 2040 target this year and accomplished a 30% reduction on base year. Our targets will be reviewed over the coming period.

Base Year FY 2023 Emissions / FTE were 7.23 tonnes per FTE.

FY 2024 Emissions / FTE were 5.40 tonnes per FTE – 25% reduction on base year.

FY 2025 Emissions / FTE were 5.03 tonnes per FTE – a 30% reduction on base year.

Due Date	Emission Source	Emission reduction measure	Scope	Status
30 December 2025	Policies	Review/create organisation policies and update to preference carbon neutral products or those with reputable environmental credibility	n/a	In prog
End 2026	Energy	Review alternative office building for one that is more sustainable, energy efficient and offers renewable energy options.	2	In prog
2028	Travel	Plan to transition to hybrid or electric vehicles by 2030	1 & 3	Not started
2030	ICT	Review telecoms providers and consider moving to certified carbon neutral provider	3	Not started

### Emissions reduction actions

Due Date	Emission Source	Emission reduction measure	Scope	Status
30 June 2025	Energy	Research and review 100% renewable energy provider (pending on building management)	2	Done – unable to change
30 June 2025	Paper	Reduce printing and purchase carbon neutral or 100 recycled paper	3	Done – ongoing
30 June 2025	Waste	Upgraded office coffee machine to one with no capsules to reduce waste (also resulting in reducing take away single use coffee cups)	3	Done
30 June 2024	Travel	Implemented video conferencing to reduce travel where possible	1 & 3	Done and ongoing
30 December 2024	Energy efficiency	Upgrade lighting in office to LED from high bay lighting to reduce energy use.	2	Done
30 December 2024	Suppliers	Office refurbishment with a focus on high efficiency, low carbon and carbon neutral certified products (ie carpets, workstation screens etc).	3	Done

## 5. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

### Emissions over time

Emissions since base year			
		Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e (without uplift)	Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e (with uplift)
Base Year/Year 1:	2022 / 2023	89.35	93.82
Year 2:	2023 / 2024	76.77	80.61
Year 3:	2024 / 2025	92.61	97.24

### Significant changes in emissions

The business has experienced significant growth in the past year resulting in additional employees, work loads and carbon emissions. Those items significantly impacted are noted below.

Significant changes in emissions			
Emission source	Previous year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Current year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Reason for change
Electricity (market-based method, scope 2)	7.93	9.28	Increase in energy use due to business growth
Computer and technical services	6.14	11.42	Increased staff and business
Petrol: Small Car	14.96	17.18	New staff commuting to office

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

N/A

## Emissions summary

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

Emission Source	Sum of Scope 1 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Sum of Scope 2 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Sum of Scope 3 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Sum of Total emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.38
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	-	-	-	-
Electricity	0.00	9.28	1.26	10.54
Food	0.00	0.00	1.09	1.09
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	13.26	13.26
Machinery and vehicles	0.00	0.00	0.93	0.93
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	1.57	1.57
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
Professional services	0.00	0.00	18.74	18.74
Refrigerants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00
Transport (land and sea)	12.59	0.00	32.35	44.95
Waste	0.00	0.00	1.11	1.11
Working from home	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12.59</b>	<b>9.28</b>	<b>70.73</b>	<b>92.61</b>

## 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 <sub>2</sub> -e
Mandatory 5% uplift for small organisations	4.63
Total of all uplift factors (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	4.63
<b>Total emissions footprint to offset (tCO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b> <i>(total emissions from summary table + total of all uplift factors)</i>	<b>98</b>

## 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)	98	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 Wind Power Project in Tamilnadu, India, co-ordinated by Tamilnadu Spinning Mills Association (TASMA-V2)	VCU	Verra Registry	29/09/2025	<a href="#">9064-64820017-64820114-VCS-VCU-508-VER-IN-1-1353-01012017-31122017-0</a>	2017	98	0	0	98	100.00%
<b>Offset Totals:</b>						<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# Co-benefits



12/09/2025

This certificate acknowledges that **Gibson Architects** has offset 98.0 tonnes of carbon through native reforestation with Greenfleet.

Greenfleet is a leading not-for-profit environmental organisation that has delivered climate action for over 25 years. We are focused on protecting our climate by restoring native forests that remove carbon, conserve biodiversity and build critical habitat for native wildlife.

Since 1997, Greenfleet has planted over 11.2 million native trees to create more than 550 legally protected forests. Thanks to you, Greenfleet will continue protecting our climate, addressing critical deforestation and growing native forests that are legally protected for up to 100 years.

Gibson Architects is taking climate action and supporting the restoration of legally protected, native Australian forests.

Together, we are growing our forests and growing climate hope.

Warm regards,  
*Wayne*  
Wayne Wescott | Greenfleet CEO



## Carbon Offsetting Certificate

This certificate verifies that in the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

**98 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e** **Gibson Architects**

has offset 98 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions with the purchase and retirement of certified carbon credits.

Project: Bundled Wind Power Project in Tamilnadu, India, co-ordinated by Tamilnadu Spinning Mills Association (TASMA-V2), India  
 Stapled with 98 Greenfleet Australia Forestry Offsets  
 PangoPin: 9888  
 Serial No. is 9094-64820017-64820114-VCS-VCS-508-VER-IN-1-1365-01072017-01120201 F-0

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## 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 <sub>2</sub> -e)	Renewable percentage of total
Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated	0	0	0%
<b>Total non-grid electricity</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
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)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	2,549	0	18%
Residual Electricity	11,459	10,542	0%
<b>Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Total grid electricity</b>	<b>14,007</b>	<b>10,542</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Total electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>14,007</b>	<b>10,542</b>	<b>18%</b>
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
<b>Residual electricity consumption under operational control</b>	<b>11,459</b>	<b>10,542</b>	
Scope 2	10,089	9,281	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	1,370	1,260	
<b>Residual electricity consumption not under operational control</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Scope 3	0	0	

<b>Total renewables (grid and non-grid)</b>	<b>18.20%</b>
<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>18.20%</b>
<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Behind the meter</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>9.28</b>
<b>Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>1.26</b>
<b>Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>9.28</b>
<b>Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>1.26</b>
<b>Total emissions liability (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>10.54</b>

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

Location-based approach summary						
Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
		(kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)
Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control	100%					
QLD	14,007	14,007	9,945	1,401	0	0
<b>Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)</b>	<b>14,007</b>	<b>14,007</b>	<b>9,945</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
QLD	0	0	0	0		
<b>Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Total electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>14,007</b>					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	9.95
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	1.40
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	9.95
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	1.40
<b>Total emissions liability</b>	<b>11.35</b>

### 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 <sub>2</sub> -e)
N/A	0	0
<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>		

### Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
N/A	0	0
<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>		

## 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
Water	Immaterial

### 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, 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	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	



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