



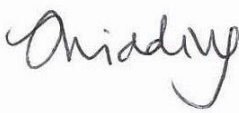
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**SUZANNE RIDDING TRADING AS
SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS CONSULTANTS**

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
FY2024-25**

Australian Government
Climate Active
Public Disclosure Statement



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Suzanne Ridding trading as Sustainable Business Consultants
REPORTING PERIOD	1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 Arrears Report
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>Suzanne Ridding Founder and Principal Consultant 7 November 2025</p>



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**Department of Climate Change, Energy,
 the Environment and Water**

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1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	1 tCO ₂ -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	100% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	N/A (location-based method)
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Sustainable Business Consultants

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2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Description of organisation certification

This certification is for the Australian business operations of Suzanne Ridding trading as Sustainable Business Consultants, ABN 22 939 593 644. The carbon emission sources included in this organisation certification are essentially the same as for our service however SBC has not been separately certified for its service under Climate Active.

This Public Disclosure Statement includes information for FY2024-25 reporting period.

Organisation description

Suzanne Ridding trading as Sustainable Business Consultants (SBC), ABN 22 939 593 644, provides expert sustainability, climate and carbon services to a wide range of companies who seek to enhance their environmental, social and/or governance (ESG) credentials. We are Climate Active and B Consultants, trained by B Lab Australia and & Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our mission is to help companies to profit for the long-term whilst creating positive impacts for society and the environment.

Our office is based in Brighton, South Australia and we provide services Australia-wide.

Our services include:

- Specialist advice in developing sustainability and ESG strategy, policy and planning
- Greenhouse gas measurement / carbon inventory development
- Carbon emissions reduction strategies and target setting, e.g., net zero pathways
- Climate Active Registered Consultants for organisations, events, precinct, buildings, products and services
- B Consultants, trained by B Lab Australia & Aotearoa New Zealand, helping companies to become and re-certify as B Corps
- Climate risk assessments and reporting
- Climate adaptation strategy
- ESG reporting
- Assistance with responsible investment frameworks and reporting.

This certification has been prepared based on the operational control approach.

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

Quantified

Accommodation
Carbon neutral products and services
Cleaning and chemicals
Electricity
Food
ICT services and equipment
Professional services
Office equipment and supplies
Postage, courier and freight
Refrigerants
Stationary energy and fuels
Transport (air)
Transport (land and sea)
Waste
Water

Non-quantified

N/A

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

N/A

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Our target is to reduce our carbon emissions to net zero by 2030 compared to the baseline year 2019-20.

'Net zero' means to reduce emissions as far as possible and then, to reach zero, to buy carbon offsets that reduce greenhouse gases already in the atmosphere. To maintain our certified carbon neutral status in the meantime, we will purchase sequestration-based carbon offsets from FY 2025/26, when our current bank of offsets is likely to be exhausted.

We have already reduced our carbon inventory to less than 1 tCO₂e since 2019-20 by installing solar panels, purchasing carbon neutral electricity, travelling less, using video conferencing where practical, eliminating waste to landfill, virtually zero printing and minimising the goods and services we buy.

As sustainability consultants, keeping the carbon emissions we can control or influence as low as possible is important to us. Travel currently makes up 38% of SBC's inventory and whilst we seek to avoid travelling where we can, sometimes a physical presence is necessary. Where public transport, cycling or walking are options, we choose those methods of travel where it is practical.

40% of our carbon emissions are from ICT and professional services. These services are kept to an absolute minimum and unfortunately there are no affordable available providers that are certified carbon neutral by Climate Active, making it difficult to eliminate these emission sources.

To reduce emissions to zero, we plan to:

Scope 1 – Transport

- Purchase an electric vehicle when viable. To be explored in 2025/26. This would eliminate around 37% of our carbon emissions, based on this year's inventory.

Scope 3 – Purchased goods and services

- Purchase certified carbon neutral products and services where and when available.

Purchase carbon offsets, that are consistent with a net zero definition, to bring the emissions to zero.

Emissions reduction actions

The 0.43 tCO₂e reduction in SBC's carbon inventory this year was achieved through less travel, less expenditure on office stationery/supplies and lower professional fees.

5. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

Emissions since base year			
		Total tCO ₂ -e (without uplift)	Total tCO ₂ -e (with uplift)
Base year:	2019-20	1.39	1.46
Year 1:	2020-21	1.00	1.05
Year 2:	2021-22	0.92	0.97
Year 3:	2022-23	0.88	0.92
Year 4:	2023-24	1.39	1.46
Year 5:	2024-25	0.91	0.96

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
Electronic office equipment (computers, monitors, printers etc.)	0.00	0.17	Purchase of new laptop to improve efficiency and reduce technology risk
Accounting services	0.16	0.11	Reduced fee
Petrol / Gasoline pre-2004	0.64	0.34	Less travel in petrol vehicle

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

Certified brand name	Product used
Engie	100% carbon neutral electricity

Emissions summary

The electricity summary is available in Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a location-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	0.00	0.00
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.25
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.19
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional services	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.12
Refrigerants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport (air)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport (land and sea)	0.27	0.00	0.07	0.35
Waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total	0.27	0.00	0.64	0.91
<i>Figures may not sum to total due to rounding.</i>				

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	0.05
Total of all uplift factors (tCO ₂ -e)	0.05
Total emissions footprint to offset (tCO₂-e) <i>(total emissions from summary table + total of all uplift factors)</i>	1

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)	1	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
Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Project	VCU	Verra Registry	22/1/2021	5816-261749748-261749757-VCU-016-MER-ID-14-674-01072013-31122013-1	2013	10	8	1	1	100.00%
Offset Totals:						10	8	1	1	100.00%

Co-benefits

The Rimba Riya Biodiversity Reserve Project

In terms of avoided carbon emissions, this project is the largest REDD+ project in the world. REDD+, or Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, projects address conservation and sustainable development. Rimba Raya shows that it is possible to provide alternative income streams for local people through capacity building, investments in micro-finance and programs that provide necessities and access to a conservation model that does not put the developing world's need for economic growth at odds with our desire to protect a fragile ecosystem.

This project meets all 17 of the Sustainable Development Goals through initiatives such as:

- Protecting endangered and indigenous wildlife such as the Borneo Orangutan, in partnership with the Orangutan Foundation International
- Tree planting and mangrove conservation
- Investing in community farms via responsible and sustainable agriculture.

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 **location-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 renewable electricity generated	0	0	0%
Total non-grid renewable 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)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	0	0	0%
Residual Electricity	3,087	2,840	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	0	0	0%
Total grid electricity	3,087	2,840	0%
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	3,087	2,840	0%
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	3,087	2,840	
Scope 2	2,718	2,501	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	369	340	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	0	0	
Scope 3	0	0	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	0.00%
Mandatory	0.00%
Voluntary	0.00%
Behind the meter	0.00%
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO₂-e)	2.50
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO₂-e)	0.34
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	0.00
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	0.00
Total emissions liability (t CO₂-e)	0.00

Figures may not sum to total 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	
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)
SA	3,087	3,087	710	154	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	3,087	3,087	710	154	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	0	0	0	0		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	3,087					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	0.71
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	0.15
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	0.00
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	0.00
Total emissions liability	0.00

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
<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 ₂ -e)
Engie 100% carbon neutral electricity	3,087	0
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APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

N/A

APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

N/A



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