



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

JOHN BRAND & CO PTY. LTD,
(TRADING AS BRAND ARCHITECTS)
ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
FY2024-25

Australian Government

Climate Active Public Disclosure Statement



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	John Brand & Co Pty. Ltd, (trading as Brand Architects)
REPORTING PERIOD	Financial year 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 Arrears report
DECLARATION	<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>  Laurence Robinson Director 18th December 2025



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

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1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	116 tCO ₂ -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	41.38% ACCUs, 58.62% VERs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	96%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Cundall
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Next technical assessment due: FY 2026-27

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2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Description of organisation certification

This organisation certification is for the business operations of John Brand & Co Pty Ltd (Brand Architects), ABN 32 063 361 786, including the subsidiaries listed in the table below.

The certification has been prepared for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 using actual data from the period and covers the business operations of our offices located in Victoria. Our business operations include all activities under our operational control that support the delivery of our core architectural services but do not include the architectural services themselves.

The operational boundary of this assessment includes the following locations:

- Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country, Level 8, 176 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, Victoria, 3002
- Wadawurrung Country, Level 4, 60 Moorabool Street, Geelong, Victoria, 3220 (Vacant for period of reporting)

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

Organisation description

Brand Architects (ABN 320 063 361) is an architecture firm established in 1993 that specialises in a broad range of public infrastructure projects including education, children's services, sport and recreation, health, aged care, transport, cultural and community buildings. We have our main office based in East Melbourne with many of our architectural projects located all over Victoria. A small workspace located in Geelong has also been included in this certification, however it remained vacant throughout the reporting period.

As a firm we are deeply committed to the delivery of services that respect the environmental, social and cultural aspirations of the community we serve. We are a firm of 56 people with a common commitment to designing functional and sustainable spaces that are both future focused and contextually informed by the global climate emergency. We continually strive to make a coordinated effort to reduce the overall environmental and social impact of our business operations as well as our architectural projects.

The organisation's boundary for the purpose of carbon accounting has been set using the operational boundary approach.

3.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
<u>Quantified</u>	<u>Non-quantified</u>	<u>Excluded</u>
• Accommodation and facilities • Cleaning and chemicals • Electricity • Food • Horticulture and agriculture • ICT services and equipment • Office equipment and supplies • Postage, courier and freight • Products • Professional services • Stationary energy (gaseous fuels) • Stationary energy (liquid fuels) • Stationary energy (solid fuels) • Transport (air) • Transport (land and sea) • Waste • Water • Working from home	Refrigerants	N/A

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Brand Architects have aligned our carbon targets with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and are working towards a 62-70% reduction in emissions by 2035, as compared to our FY2019-20 baseline. We have been certified through Climate Active since 2020, Bcorp since 2024 and launched our Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) in 2023.

As part of implementing the SAP and achieving BCorp certification, we introduced a Sustainable Procurement Policy to improve our internal procurement practices to ensure our purchases are guided by best practice sustainability criteria. The objective of the policy is to regularly monitor and improve our purchasing decisions and consequently our carbon performance. This is backed up by an environmental commitment letter which is issued to subconsultants, outlining our requirement that all contractual parties have, at minimum, an environmental policy, with strong preference for those who commit to carbon neutral operations. We will be placing further emphasis on our purchasing practices in the FY2026 reporting period by securing ISO 14001 EMS certification which will codify policy and actions. Our focus in future years is achieving greater accuracy in emission factors for our business services, through continued engagement with key suppliers and contractors, and improved documentation allowing Brand to accurately reflect the reduced carbon footprint arising from our purchasing decisions.

As an architectural practice we acknowledge that our emissions are primarily driven by our staff and their behaviours, and our total emissions rose by 24 tCO₂-e in FY25 with the majority attributed to increased business services which are delivered on a per-person basis. This increase reflects an increase in business activity and service delivery rather than a change in our reduction intent. However, we continue to work towards our target of 10% year-on-year reduction in emissions from business services and office supplies and have achieved a 64% reduction since our baseline year. We are currently assessing our IT resources to see if we can get more life out of equipment with upgrades rather than replacement, which contributed to a 73% reduction in emissions from computer and electrical hardware between FY24 and FY25. These actions are intended to reduce emissions, on average, over time. We regularly advocate for the importance of being environmentally and socially responsible during our weekly staff presentations and provide encouragement to staff to make better choices in relation to their work activities like their home office set up and their commuting habits. Our FY25 commuting survey showed an 18% reduction in emissions intensity of staff commuting (tCO₂-e per km travelled), leading to a strengthening of our long-term target to 35% by 2035.

Brand Architects have purchased 100% renewable energy for all tenanted areas since FY22, which also includes charging of its fleet vehicles (currently 75% EV, 25% hybrid). While we do not have direct control of base building electricity, we aim to achieve 100% reduction in emissions from electricity by 2028 through agreements with the building operators to purchase green power for our portion.

Emissions reduction actions

Target / timeframe	FY2025 Actions
10% reduction in emissions from business services and office supplies, reviewed annually to FY2030	Reviewed cleaning, office and kitchen supplies to identify more environmentally friendly/sustainable products. This led to replacement of 8 different items with more sustainable brands i.e. B-Corp certified, locally sourced, carbon neutral shipping or recycled materials. Measure: number of items replaced and annual emissions from office supplies.
	Ceased use of bags and liners for organics bins and replaced cling film with Tupperware containers in the office kitchen. Measure: supplier and product review completed annually.
	Reviewed and updated office-provided beverages with a focus on providing options that are healthier, locally produced and sustainably packaged. Measure: supplier and product review completed annually.
	Distributed environmental commitment letter to all subconsultants detailing carbon reduction/reporting expectations. Measure: subconsultant acknowledgement and consideration of carbon neutral or environmental policy commitments in procurement decisions.
35% reduction in staff commuting emission intensity (tCO ₂ -e/km) by 2035	Updated staff commuting and work from home survey to get more accurate activity data. Measure: annual survey completed and commuting emissions intensity tracked.
	All fleet vehicles updated to hybrid or fully electric. Measure: maintain 100% hybrid or fully electric fleet and review at each lease renewal.
	Encourage use of public transportation and zero-emission commuting methods where possible, reviewed annually through the commuting survey.

The impact of current initiatives has not been fully captured due to calculation methods not utilising supplier-specific data. It is therefore expected that Brand Architect's true carbon footprint is lower than that declared in this certification.

Emissions over time

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

Uplift factors

Reason for uplift factor	tCO ₂ -e
5% uplift factor has been applied to overall emissions data to account for data assumptions and refrigerants	5.50
Total of all uplift factors (tCO ₂ -e)	5.6
Total emissions footprint to offset (tCO₂-e) <i>(total emissions from summary table + total of all uplift factors)</i>	115.70

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	0.60	0.60
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	0.78	0.78
Electricity	0.00	0.04	2.09	2.13
Food	0.00	0.00	4.29	4.29
Horticulture and agriculture	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.08
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	11.58	11.58
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	2.51	2.51
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04
Products	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.47
Professional services	0.00	0.00	36.17	36.17
Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)	4.37	0.00	0.34	4.71
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	4.56	4.56
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	33.89	33.89
Waste	0.00	0.00	4.01	4.01
Water	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.36
Working from home	0.00	0.00	4.03	4.03
Total emissions (tCO₂-e)	4.37	0.04	105.79	110.19
<i>Figures may not sum to total due to rounding.</i>				

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	
Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs)		48		41.38%	
Verified Emissions Reductions (VERs)		68		58.62%	

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
Kenilworth Regrowth Project	ACCU	ANREU	16/12/2025	9000154901, 9000154950	2023-24	50	0	2	48	41.38%
ENERGY EFFICIENT STOVES PROGRAM - CPA1	VER	Gold Standard Impact Registry	16/12/2025	GS1-1-ET-GS11147-16-2022-26844-4395-4462	2022	68	0	0	68	58.62%
Offset Totals:						118	0	2	116	100.00%

Co-benefits

Extraordinary Impact

Offset Project
Category
Overview

Located in New South Wales and Queensland, these carbon farming projects work with landholders to regenerate and protect native vegetation. The projects help improve marginal land, reduce salinity and erosion and provide income to farmers. Widespread land clearing has significantly impacted local ecosystems. This degradation and loss of plant species threatens the food and habitat on which other native species rely. Clearing allows weeds and invasive animals to spread and affects greenhouse gas emissions.

The project areas can harbour a number of indigenous plant species which provide important habitat and nutrients for native wildlife. By erecting fencing and actively managing invasive species, these projects avoid emissions caused by clearing and achieve key environmental and biodiversity benefits.



Bringing Bush Back
- Australia -

The project meets the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



Extraordinary Impact

Offset Project
Category
Overview

The majority of households in rural Ethiopia rely on heavily polluting open fires to cook, which can have severe consequences for the health of women and children who are responsible for preparing meals. World Health Organisation (WHO) research shows that household air pollution was responsible for an estimated 3.2 million deaths globally in 2020.

Since 2011, World Vision has been working alongside local communities and government agencies in Ethiopia to implement and distribute low cost, highly efficient cookstoves. Two types of cookstoves are disseminated to households: the 'Tikikil' stove which is a metal rocket stove designed for general cooking and a 'Mirt' stove, which is a large cement stove designed for cooking 'Injera', the staple food in Ethiopia.

In addition to health benefits, these cookstove use considerably less wood than open fires. The increasing energy needs of growing populations in Ethiopia has contributed to advanced forest loss. Forests that originally covered 90 percent of the highlands have been reduced to less than 3 percent; reinforcing the need for more sustainable energy solutions to prevent further forest loss and degradation.



World Vision Cookstoves
- Ethiopia -

The project meets the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certificate no. TO-BRAA-1225 John Brand & CO. PTY. LTD.

TEM Retirement Report

Retired on behalf of John Brand & Co. Pty Ltd trading as Brand Architects for its FY25 organisational emissions offsets.



REF NO.	PROJECT NAME	SERIAL NO.			COUNTRY	PROJECT ID	TYPE	VINTAGE	DATE	UNITS
1	Kenilworth Regrowth Project	SN	9000154901	9000154950	Australia	ERF101721	Regen	2024	16/12/2025	50
2	ENERGY EFFICIENT STOVES PROGRAM - CPA1	GS14-ET-GS11147-16-2022-26844	4395	4462	Ethiopia	GS11147	BioEnergy	2022	16/12/2025	68
									TOTAL	118

Evidence

Retirement Confirmation

Offset Ref 1 : ANREU (KACCUs & CERs)
[LINK TO REGISTRY](#)
SN9000154901 - 9000154950

Transaction details

Completed

Transaction ID 81907000	Transaction type Voluntary cancellation
Transferring account AU-3255: Tasman Environmental Markets Australia Pty Ltd Tasman Environmental Markets Australia Pty Ltd	Acquiring account AU-1068: Australia Voluntary Cancellation Account Commonwealth of Australia
Comments Retired on behalf of John Brand & Co. Pty Ltd trading as Brand Architects for its FY25 organisational emissions offsets.	

Selected ACCUs

Project ID	Project name	Method type	Method	Vintage	Location	Serial range start	Serial range end	Category	Quantity
ERF101721	Kenilworth Regrowth Project	Vegetation	Human-Induced Regeneration of a...	2023-24	NSW	9,000,154,901	9,000,154,950	KACCU	50
									Total: 50



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 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	48,777	0	78%
Climate Active certified - Precinct/Building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - 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)	11,364	0	18%
Residual electricity	2,313	2,128	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	60,141	0	96%
Total grid electricity	62,454	2,128	96%
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	62,454	2,128	96%
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	2%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	46	43	
Scope 2	41	37	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	6	5	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	2,267	2,086	
Scope 3	2,267	2,086	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	96.30%
Mandatory	18.20%
Voluntary	78.10%
Behind the meter	0.00%
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO₂-e)	0.04
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO₂-e)	2.09
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	0.04
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	2.09
Total emissions liability (t CO₂-e)	2.13

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	80%	(kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)
VIC	62,454	49,963	38,472	4,497	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	62,454	49,963	38,472	4,497	0	0
VIC	0	0	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	0	0	0	0		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	62,454					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	38.47
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	15.24
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	38.47
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	15.24
Total emissions liability	53.71

If your organisation does not use any Climate Active buildings or precincts, please add N/A to the first row, and delete the remaining empty rows.

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
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.		

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
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.		

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
Refrigerants	Cost effective - Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.

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						Justification
	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	
N/A						





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