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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

STUDIO NINE ARCHITECTS PTY LTD

ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
FY2024–25

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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Studio Nine Architects Pty Ltd (T/A Studio Nine Architects)
REPORTING PERIOD	1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 Arrears report
DECLARATION	*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.* Andrew Steele Managing Director | Architect 17 December 2025 Tony Zappia Director | Architect 17 December 2025 John Galluccio Director | Architect 17 December 2025 Justin Cucchiarelli Director | Architect 17 December 2025

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1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	179 tCO_2-e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	56% ACCUs, 44% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	N/A, using location-based method
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Summation Pty Ltd
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	20/11/24 My Green Business Simon Johnston Next technical assessment due: FY 26/27

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2.CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Description of organisation certification

This organisation certification is for the business operations of Studio Nine Architects, ABN 67 096 031 604. It does not include the services provided by Studio Nine Architects.

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

Organisation description

Studio 9 Architects Pty Ltd, T/A Studio Nine Architects (ABN: 67 096 031 604) is an Adelaide based, privately owned architecture and interior design studio.

An operational control approach has been used to determine the organisation’s carbon boundary.

Established in 1998, the practice operates from 9 King William Street, Kent Town, a purpose-built, modern, open-plan design studio. The practice consists of 40-50 Architects, Interior Designers, Architectural Technicians and support staff, led by four Directors varying in background and area of specialisation.

The organisation provides architectural and design services for a diverse portfolio of projects across Australia within the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. The vast majority of our work is completed within our Kent Town studio, with intra and interstate travel required for key site visits and face-to-face meetings.

As design leaders Studio Nine are continually pursuing change and aim to think more holistically about architecture and design.

Through our leadership we strive for a socially conscious, equitable and sustainable future for all.

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

Quantified

Accommodation and Facilities

Cleaning and Chemicals

Air Transport

Construction Materials and Services

Electricity

Food

ICT services and equipment

Land and Sea Transport

Office equipment and supplies

Postage, courier, and freight

Professional Services

Refrigerants

Stationary Energy

Waste

Water

Non-quantified

Working from home

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

N/A

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Studio Nine Architects aims to achieve Net Zero for Scope 1 and 2 by 2030, from a base year FY2020-21, with a minimum emissions reduction of 50% per staff member (target 1.65tCO2-e/FTE against baseline intensity of 3.3tCO2-e/FTE). Our Sustainability Action Plan focuses on the environmental impacts of our operation as an organisation. Aligning with our practice's purpose and values, the following measures outline our emissions reductions targets and ambition:

People
This financial year-

- Ensuring each member of the leadership team receives training on Studio Nine's sustainability approach (yearly)
- Include sustainability as a standing agenda item in all executive meetings
- Include sustainability related learnings and achievements in fortnightly staff catch ups
- Actively encourage staff to increase expertise and skills by prompting sustainability related CPD activity (minimum 2 CPD points per year)
- Ensure at least one board member holds sustainability credentials – (Living future, Greenstar, Nabers etc)

Future years-

- From 2026, work with our consultants and suppliers, preferencing those with sustainability credentials to maximise our environmental influence and ensuring value alignment

Place

This financial year-

- Procure 100% renewable/carbon neutral energy for building energy demands
- Work with HVAC technicians to avoid refrigerant leaks and replace end-of-life units with R32 alternatives
- Monitor energy and water consumption and report quarterly
- Nominate high-quality, local Australian carbon credits to offset remaining organisation's emissions
- Investigate and implement building fabric upgrades and energy efficiency improvements

Future years-

- By 2028 conduct survey of staff wellbeing, comfort and desired amenities to enable our office as our primary place of business to serve the ongoing needs of our workforce -
- By 2028 review external landscaping to promote greater ecological diversity and value
- By 2028 analyse potential for battery system with EV car charger

Planet

This financial year-

- Host at least 2 vegetarian only functions as part of our ongoing internal events
- Signal consumer demand for carbon neutral products by ensuring all flight bookings opt-in to carbon neutral offset

- Review cleaning contract to promote environmentally friendly product use

Future years-

- By 2028, investigate fleet decarbonisation options
- By 2028,consider incentive scheme for employees to reduce car dependence for office commute
- By 2028, draft a procurement strategy for reducing IT equipment related emissions (lease, buy back, recycling etc)
- By 2028 investigate feasibility of installation of a rainwater tank to reduce water consumption
- By 2028 undertake operational waste campaign to reduce waste generation rates
- From 2027, continue to educate suppliers to reduce quantity of promotional material delivered
- From 2027, draft a procurement strategy that reduces our impacts for all items, including key equipment and consumables

Emissions reduction actions

The following actions were completed in the reporting period:

- Carbon Neutral electricity and Green Power supply was investigated, with feasibility presented to company leadership for decision.
- Ongoing education and awareness campaign for staff around energy usage, effective measures to reduce consumption like turning off appliances, prioritising natural ventilation before AC etc.
- Completed inaugural Sustainability Action Plan, ratified by company directors.
- Investigated upgrading End of Trip facilities to encourage staff, design work and finalisation anticipated next FY
- Office car was upgraded to hybrid
- Carpooling for office hours trips has increased due to education campaign in the office
- Video conferencing continues to be prioritised wherever possible to avoid site visits and associated emissions
- Vegetarian food options increased for staff functions and catering for S9 events
- Additional waste diversion now being achieved through upgrade bin system with associated signage and education
- All flights were carbon offset
- Increased engagement with sustainability specialist to assist with both Organisation and practice related sustainability measures, emissions reductions

5. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

Emissions since base year			
		Total tCO_2-e (without uplift)	**Total tCO_2-e** (with uplift)
Base year/Year 1:	2020 / 2021	147	N/A
Year 2:	2021 / 2022	267	N/A
Year 4:	2022 / 2023	238.21	N/A
Year 4:	2023 / 2024	205	N/A
Year 5:	2024 / 2025	169.79	179

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**
Electricity (location-based method, scope 2)	15.96	21.08	Less people working from home this year, more focus on getting staff into the office

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

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
Virgin Airlines	Virgin Australia Fly Carbon Neutral Service
Qantas Airways	Opt-in Fly Carbon Neutral Service

Emissions summary

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

	Sum of Scope 1 emissions (tCO2-e)	Sum of Scope 2 emissions (tCO2-e)	Sum of Scope 3 emissions (tCO2-e)	Sum of Total emissions (t CO2-e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	1.31	1.31
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	2.50	2.50
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction materials and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	21.08	4.58	25.66
Food	0.00	0.00	8.86	8.86
Horticulture and agriculture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	11.54	11.54
Machinery and vehicles	0.00	0.00	5.42	5.42
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	1.08	1.08
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.29	0.29
Products	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional services	0.00	0.00	25.36	25.36
Refrigerants	1.76	0.00	0.00	1.76
Roads and landscape	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	0.13	0.13
Transport (land and sea)	7.76	0.00	56.99	64.76
Waste	0.00	0.00	19.11	19.11
Water	0.00	0.00	2.01	2.01
Grand Total	**9.53**	**21.08**	**139.19**	**169.79**

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**
General factor applied to account for inaccuracies that may occur due to assumptions in data, lack of WFH hours and commuting distances	8.5
Total of all uplift factors (tCO_2-e)	8.5
Total emissions footprint to offset (tCO_2-e) *(total emissions from summary table + total of all uplift factors)*	**179**

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)	100	55.87%
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	79	44.13%

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 - Indonesia	VCU	VERRA	8/12/2025	9900-158213545-158213623-VCS-VCU-263-VER-ID-14-674-01012018-31122018-1	2018	79	0	0	79	44.13%
Sunnyside Permanent Planting Project	ACCU	ANREU	8/12/2025	9,026,176,093-9,026,176,192	2024-25	100	0	0	100	55.87%
					Offset Totals:	**179**	**0**	**0**	**179**	**100.00%**

Co-benefits

Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Project - Indonesia

- Take urgent action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity, and prevent the extinction of threatened species.
- Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including young people and persons with disabilities, equal pay and for work of equal value.
- Promote the sustainable management of all types of forest, halt deforestation, restore degraded forest and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

  Ensure sustainable food production systems by better managing productivity and incomes of small scale producers.
- Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership.
- Ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults achieve literacy and numeracy.

Sunnyside Permanent Planting Project

The natural habitats that are now protected are in such good condition they support strong populations of many fauna species. Several significant threatened or vulnerable wildlife species are found on or near Sunnyside, including Carnaby's Cockatoo and Malleefowl. Sunnyside occupies a key position adjoining a wide coastal belt of vegetation which extends over 80 kilometres to the east and with 'restorable' habitat connectivity to the west extending almost to Albany, across several key nature reserves and other habitat areas. The Sunnyside initiative will support the local Menang people, (part of the Noongar nation). Recognising the area's importance and First Nation's connection to Country, the intent to support direct Noongar project participation and engagement was identified in the project's earliest stages, with engagement increasing as restoration planting areas continue to expand.

Sunnyside is part of the much larger Gondwana Link, an initiative working to improve and increase ecological health and resilience in a connected band of habitats stretching from Margaret River to the Nullarbor Plain in Western Australia. Sunnyside is one of a small number of strategically critical private properties secured to increase the area of wildlife habitat across the Link and provide opportunities for Noongar families to return to Country. Noongar Elders are helping to develop a broad Healthy Country Plan which includes Sunnyside, exploring specific arrangements to restore some endemic wildlife species to their natural habitat.

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 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)	16,674	0	18%
Residual electricity	74,967	68,970	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	**16,674**	**0**	**18%**
Total grid electricity	**91,641**	**68,970**	**18%**
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	**91,641**	**68,970**	**18%**
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	**74,967**	**68,970**	
Scope 2	66,004	60,723	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	8,963	8,246	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	**0**	**0**	
Scope 3	0	0	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	**18.20%**
Mandatory	**18.20%**
Voluntary	**0.00%**
Behind the meter	**0.00%**
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**60.72**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**8.25**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**60.72**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**8.25**
Total emissions liability (t CO_2-e)	**68.97**

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 (kg CO_2-e)**	**Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO_2-e)**	**(kWh)**	**Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO_2-e)**
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	91,641	91,641	21,077	4,582	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)	**91,641**	**91,641**	**21,077**	**4,582**	**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)	**91,641**					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**21.08**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**4.58**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**21.08**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**4.58**
Total emissions liability (t CO_2-e)	**25.66**

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
Working from home (WFH)	Previously, WFH emissions were included in the quantified emissions boundary. With the change of the calculation methodology to remove commuting, this emissions source moved to non-quantified as employee commuting is not currently quantifiable (ie data unavailable), so the overall impact is difficult to ascertain. In future years, an employee survey that captures sufficient information in this regard is anticipated.

Data management plan for non-quantified sources

The data management plan below outlines how more rigorous quantification can be achieved for material (greater than 1%) non-quantified emission sources:

- Annual survey of employee commuting habits, including typical distances travelled and method used

APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

No excluded emission sources, hence, not applicable.

Excluded emissions sources summary

N/A

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