



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

REDZED LENDING SOLUTIONS

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
FY2024-25**

Australian Government

Climate Active Public Disclosure Statement



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	RedZed Lending Solutions Pty Ltd
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>  Calvin Cordle Managing Director 23/12/2025



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1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	994 tCO ₂ -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	100% ACCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	100%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: RedZed Lending Solutions
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	9/5/2025 Ironbark Sustainability 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 RedZed Lending Solutions Pty Ltd, ABN 31 123 588 527.

This Public Disclosure Statement (PDS) supports the certification of the Australian business operations of RedZed Lending Solutions Pty Ltd as an organisation going carbon neutral under the 'Climate Active Carbon Neutral Certification Standard for Organisations'.

This carbon inventory has been prepared for the financial year from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. The emissions boundary has been defined based on the operational control approach and covers the Australian operations of the business.

Emissions associated with the loans provided by RedZed are excluded and outside of the emissions boundary.

This Public Disclosure Statement includes information for FY2025 reporting period.

Organisation description

RedZed, headquartered in Melbourne, was founded in 2006 with a clear vision; to become the preferred lender to Australia's self-employed. We take a holistic, common-sense approach to business and income, and prioritise financial inclusion for self-employed people, a segment that has traditionally been underserved by mainstream banking institutions.

Our range of residential and commercial loan options are designed to help small business owners and sole traders achieve their personal and business goals, and we strive to deliver outstanding customer experiences through our simple processes, fair assessments, and fast turnaround times. Throughout RedZed's 19-year history, we have advanced approximately \$12 billion to more than 30,000 self-employed Australians.

Whilst financial inclusion for the self-employed community is RedZed's central focus, we are also committed to being environmentally and socially responsible. Our ultimate sustainable mission is to become a nationally recognised leader in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) across the non-bank lending sector, through helping our customers secure loans from ESG responsible investment sources, reducing the social and environmental impacts of our operations, and connecting communities through outreach activities.

Additional Context Around RedZed's Investments:

RedZed's Investments are Loans to Customers. These are outside of our emissions boundary as they do not meet any of the criteria to be relevant. Loans to customers currently are not a source of emissions for RedZed. We do not have the potential to influence the emissions from this source and there are no relevant regulations relating to this source at this point in time. Stakeholders would not consider this to be an emission source and we have not previously undertaken this activity within our emissions boundary. As such we have excluded Investments from our reporting. We are conscious of the ongoing reporting landscape surrounding investments as a scope 3 emissions and will reconsider their relevance in future reporting periods.

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 & facilities	Refrigerants	N/A
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services		
Cleaning and chemicals		
Electricity		
Food		
ICT services and equipment		
Office equipment and supplies		
Postage, courier and freight		
Professional services		
Stationary energy and fuels		
Transport (air)		
Transport (land and sea)		
Waste		
Water		
Working from home		

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

RedZed's emissions reduction roadmap to reduce emissions across the value chain (scopes 1, 2 and 3) by 50% by 2025 from a FY2020-2021 base year, however this was not achieved for several reasons outlined below; noting the base year was reset during the FY2023-24 reporting period. Our business is currently working on revising our existing roadmap slightly, but our overall strategy is still in line with the targets noted in FY2023-24 which has been referenced below for transparency.

The revised targets set in FY2023-24 and remain aligned to FY2024-25:

- Reduce net emissions by 30% relative to the FY2023-2024 reference year by FY2030.
- Interim target of a 20% net emissions reduction relative to the FY2023-2024 reference year by FY2028.
- Maintain net scope 1 & 2 emissions of <15 tCO₂-e (noting RedZed's scope 2 emissions are now zero due to the transition to 100% Green Power last year).

Scope 3 emissions associated with computer and technical services, as well as advertising services, were a necessary part of RedZed's organic growth strategy in FY25. The business's first major advertising campaign required external media, creative, and digital services, all of which contribute to indirect emissions through purchased services. Similarly, ongoing investment in technology and automation – covering software services, cloud services, and third-party technical expertise, was essential to improving operational efficiency and scaling the business. While they supported the organic growth of the business and helped us operate more efficiently, we recognise their climate impact and remain committed to managing and reducing associated emissions wherever feasible.

It is worth noting that RedZed proudly endorsed a Harvard Extension School study titled Greenhouse Gas Scope 3 Analysis for Australian Mortgage Provider RedZed Lending Solutions. This comprehensive analysis provided actionable recommendations for reducing indirect emissions across key Scope 3 categories, including Purchased Goods and Services (specifically relating to IT infrastructure, Software and Licensing). RedZed's support of this study underscores its commitment to sustainability and ESG progress. The findings will be one of the key inputs guiding future carbon reporting and strategies aligned with our climate goals.

Our emission reduction strategy includes the following actions:

- Scope 3 emissions will be reduced by
 - Continuing to work with the building manager to establish mature waste management using multiple bin types. Encourage staff to reduce waste overall – monthly communications will be provided beginning calendar year 2027.
 - Reviewing major procurement choices to favour products and services that are addressing and minimizing their carbon emissions. – This is reviewed on a quarterly basis, with substantial consideration during the assessment of vendors during the early stages of negotiations.
 - Continue to taken action on the recommendations outlined Harvard Extension School study. Action items to be taken from 1st July 2026 as part of the Sustainability Reporting requirements outlined by AASB.
 - As part of RedZed's sustainability reporting obligations, team members have participated in several Communities of Practice (CoP) sessions, collaborating with industry peers to share insights, address common challenges, and improve sustainability reporting methodologies. This will be ongoing for the foreseeable future while RedZed continues to uphold its reporting obligations.

Emissions reduction actions

Whilst there was no tangible reduction actions made in that financial year, RedZed's endorsement of the study mentioned above represents a proactive emissions reduction measure. By leveraging the study's recommendations, RedZed commits to integrating best practices into its operations, reducing Scope 3 impacts, and advancing its sustainability goals.

5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

		Emissions since base year	
		Total tCO ₂ -e (without uplift)	Total tCO ₂ -e (with uplift)
Initial Base Year/Year 1:	2020-21	417.51	N/A
Year 2:	2021-22	507.22	N/A
Year 3:	2022-23	619.19	N/A
New Base - Year 4:	2023-24	799.54	N/A
Year 5:	2024-25	993.03	N/A

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
Computer and technical services	159.54	298.88	Emissions from computer and technical services increased due to strategic investments in advanced technology aimed at supporting business growth. These initiatives, including infrastructure upgrades and enhanced digital capabilities, temporarily raised energy consumption and associated emissions as the company strengthened its technological foundation for long-term scalability and innovation.
Advertising services	46.20	171.11	Emissions from advertising services increased due to investments in marketing tools and platforms designed to accelerate business growth. These enhancements, including advanced applications and expanded campaign capabilities, temporarily raised associated emissions as the company strengthened its marketing infrastructure.

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 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	6.67	6.67
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	13.51	13.51
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	4.96	4.96
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	468.96	468.96
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	20.61	20.61
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	13.89	13.89
Professional services	0.00	0.00	237.90	237.90
Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)	4.72	0.00	0.46	5.19
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	88.40	88.40
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	81.75	81.75
Waste	0.00	0.00	4.66	4.66
Water	0.00	0.00	1.44	1.44
Working from home	0.00	0.00	45.11	45.11
Grand Total	4.72	0.00	988.31	993.03

Uplift factors

N/A

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)	966	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
South Australian Conservation Alliance - Site #2	ACCU	ANREU	31/10/2024	9,017,640,182 – 9,017,640,881	2024-25	700	676	0	24	3.00%
Darling River Conservation Initiative Site #5	ACCU	ANREU	15/12/2025	9,036,853,520 – 9,036,854,519	2025-26	1000	0	30	970	97.00%
Offset Totals:						1700	676	30	994	100%

Co-benefits

South Australian Conservation Alliance Site #2 Human Induced Regeneration

The South Australian Conservation Alliance Site #2 Human Induced Regeneration project is located North of Wudinna in SA in the Gawler bioregion and is a three way partnership GreenCollar, Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation and Nature Foundation. The land is at a cross roads of three converging ecosystems; the rocky Gawler Ranges, arid country in the north and mallee country in the south. The dominant species observed on the property from field surveys include *Dodonaea viscosa*, *Senna artemisioides*, *Lycium australe*, *Casuarina pauper*, *Melaleuca uncinata* and *Alectryon oleifolius*.

The objective of this project is to regenerate 23,000ha of natural woodlands and shrublands in an area of high cultural and environment significance. This is achieved by controlled grazing and feral animal management across the project area including fencing upgrades and water management. In addition to sequestering carbon, regeneration of native vegetation in the project area reverses land degradation caused by feral goats and livestock and stabilises soils reducing erosion. In addition to the important biodiversity and conservation benefits described, the project will also ensure active management of the land and support Nature Foundation's Kids on country program. Learn more through the following

video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbo6TOWd9o8>

Darling River Conservation Initiative Site #5 Human Induced Regeneration

The Darling River Conservation Initiative Site #5 is located North West of Bourke in NSW in the Mulga Lands bioregion. The land consists of mulga stands with native grass, undulating sandy country interspersed with shrubs, and a series of creeks, lakes and swamps in the south. The dominant species observed on the property from field surveys include *Eremophila sturtii*, *Dodonaea viscosa*, *Acacia sibirica*, *Acacia aneura*, *Callitris glaucophylla* and *Casuarina cristata*.

The objective of this project is to regenerate natural woodlands and shrublands. This is achieved by controlled grazing and feral animal management across the project area along with fencing upgrades. In addition to sequestering carbon, regeneration of native vegetation in the project area reverses land degradation caused by feral goats and livestock and stabilises soils reducing erosion.

The Project (ERF103140) was declared project under the 'Human Induced Regeneration of a Permanent Even-Aged Forest 1.1' methodology (2013 c2) (the Determination) and generates Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs). This is the fourth version of the Human Induced Regeneration methodology.

The project has issued Kyoto ACCUs in accordance with the date the carbon sequestration occurred. Kyoto ACCUs are issued for all carbon sequestration which has occurred after 14 May 2013 and non-Kyoto ACCUs are issued for carbon sequestration that occurred prior to this date. Further details can be found here:

<https://greencollar.com.au/project-information/darling-river-eco-corridor-5/>

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

Note: Dexu who manage the Melbourne & Sydney buildings RedZed operates in, have surrendered 68 LGCs to match 81.87% of the base building electricity consumption for the reporting period.

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 renewable electricity generated	0	0	0%
Total non-grid renewable electricity	0	0	0%
LGC purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	68,000	0	48%
GreenPower	59,606	0	42%
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)	26,041	0	18%
Residual electricity	-10,527	-9,685	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	153,647	0	107%
Total grid electricity	143,120	0	107%
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	143,120	0	107%
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	-10,527	-9,685	
Scope 2	-9,268	-8,527	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	-1,259	-1,158	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	0	0	
Scope 3	0	0	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	107.36%
Mandatory	18.20%
Voluntary	89.16%
Behind the meter	0.00%
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO₂-e)	-8.53
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO₂-e)	-1.16
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 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 (kg CO ₂ -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO ₂ -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO ₂ -e)
NSW	23,027	23,027	15,198	921	0	0
VIC	120,093	120,093	92,471	10,808	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	143,120	143,120	107,669	11,729	0	0
NSW	0	0	0	0		
VIC	0	0	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	0	0	0	0		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	143,120					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	107.67
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	11.73
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	107.67
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	11.73
Total emissions liability (t CO₂-e)	119.40

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.		

Note: Dexu who manage the Melbourne & Sydney buildings RedZed operates in, have surrendered the above mentioned LGCs to match 81.87% of the base building electricity consumption for the reporting period.

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	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 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

N/A



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