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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY: Allens

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Declaration

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this Public Disclosure Summary is true and correct and meets the requirements of the National Carbon Offset Standard Carbon Neutral Program.

Signature 	Date 19 May 2020
Name of Signatory Tim Stewart	
Position of Signatory Partner	

Carbon neutral certification category	Organisation
Date of most recent external verification/audit	29 January 2018
Auditor	Ben Jenkins, GPP Audit Pty Limited



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1. Carbon neutral information

1A. Introduction

Allens (ABN 47 702 595 758) is a leading international law firm with offices in Australia, Vietnam and Papua New Guinea. Through our integrated alliance with Linklaters, our clients are connected with a global network spanning 40 offices in 28 countries. We are privileged to hold some of the world's longest ongoing client relationships, stretching back more than 150 years, and we are committed to bringing our talent, expertise and insights to continue solving their toughest problems and creating new ways forward to help them thrive. In Australia, we have four offices and approximately 1200 partners and staff.

Allens' emissions boundary is defined in accordance with the operational control approach and includes all of our Australian offices, located in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. See section 1B below for details of our emissions sources. Our greenhouse gas inventory has been prepared in accordance with the National Carbon Offset Standard and we consider all of the greenhouse gases listed under the Kyoto Protocol (carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃)).

1B. Emissions sources within certification boundary

Quantified sources

Allens includes all direct (scope 1) and indirect (scope 2) emissions sources (natural gas, refrigerants and electricity) in its greenhouse gas emissions inventory. Other significant sources of indirect (scope 3) emissions have been assessed and these are:

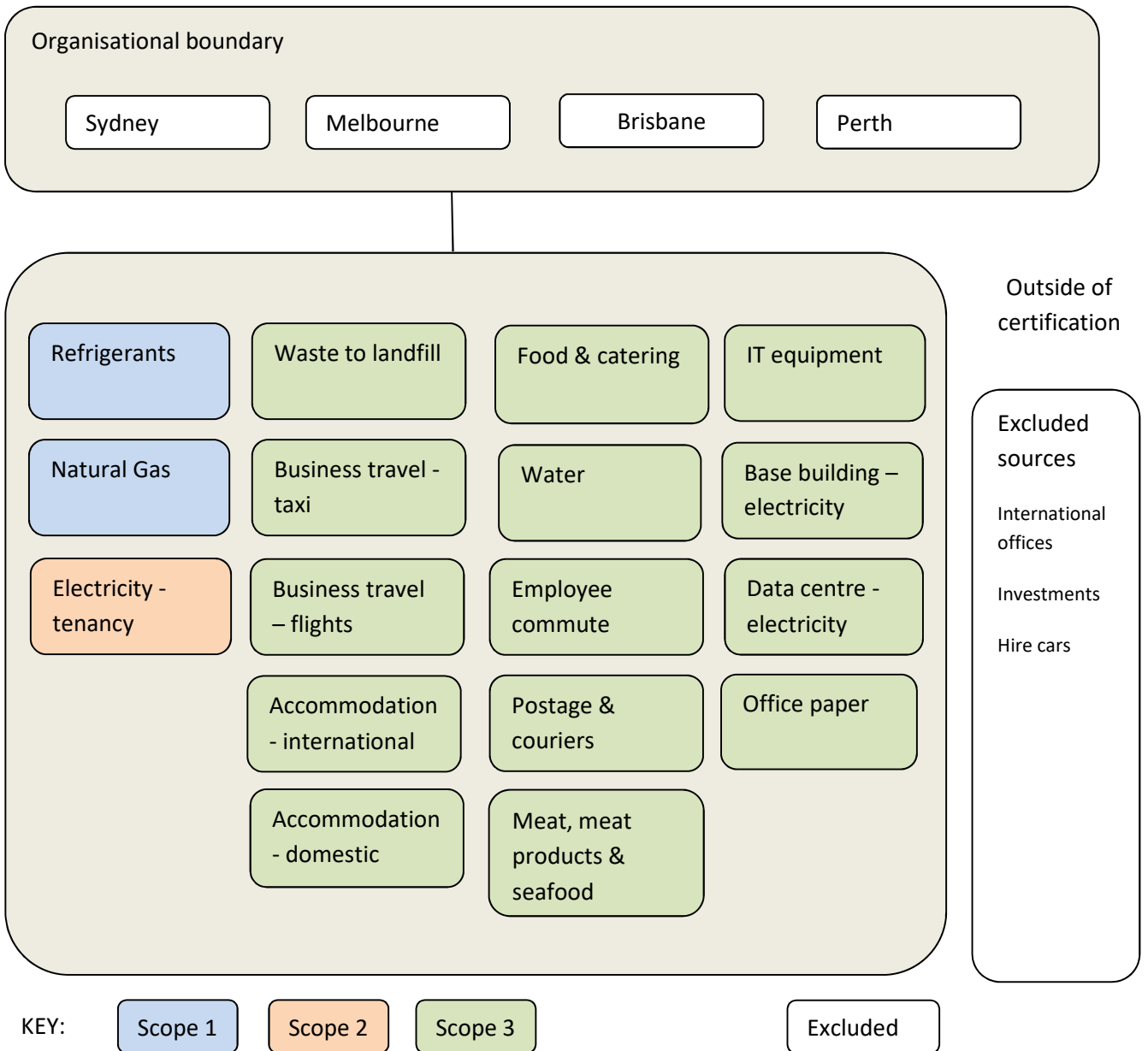
- Water consumption
- Base building electricity
- Employee commute
- IT equipment expenditure
- Office paper purchases
- Business travel - flights
- Food and catering
- Postage and courier services
- Accommodation - international
- Accommodation - domestic
- Taxi travel
- Meat, meat products and seafood consumption
- Waste to landfill
- Data centre electricity use

These emissions sources have been included on the basis that they account for a comprehensive overview of all emissions related to Allens' operations in Australia and that they would be considered as relevant for a range of key stakeholders. Any Allens' office space which is sublet to other entities from time to time is excluded.

Unquantified sources

Emissions related to investments and car hire have been excluded from the inventory. Determining the emissions associated with investments would be difficult and costly relative to their likely significance. Allens' use of hire cars is minimal, and emissions from this source are expected to be immaterial.

1C. Diagram of the certification boundary



2. Emissions reduction measures

2A. Emissions over time

We seek to continually improve the measurement of our emissions and for the FY19 reporting period we elected to participate in the pilot of the Climate Active team's improved approach to accounting for emissions. Participating in the pilot involved adopting improved calculation methodologies that are based on guidance from international best-practice standards including the Greenhouse Gas Protocol and ISO14064, and a new emissions factor dataset. Applying the new calculation methodology and emissions factors led to rise in Allens' annual carbon account for the FY19 reporting period. Although the new approach to accounting for emissions has resulted in changes between reporting periods, the Climate Active team has advised that a base year emissions recalculation is not required.

Table 1. Emissions since base year			
	Base Year: 2013-14 t CO ₂ -e *	Previous year: 2017-18 t CO ₂ -e	Current year: 2018-19 t CO ₂ -e
Total	15,415.0	10,074.0	11,114.96

* In 2014/15, a variation in supplier data relating to business travel and paper consumption resulted in a recalculation of baseline emissions and a restatement of gross base year emissions from 16,330.2 tCO₂-e to 15,415.0 tCO₂-e.

2B. Emissions reduction strategy

Allens' emissions reduction strategy involves:

- measuring and reporting on our energy consumption and carbon footprint;
- setting targets for reducing our emissions;
- acting on opportunities to reduce our emissions by improving operational efficiencies, investing in technological innovation and reducing our resource consumption;
- encouraging our suppliers to reduce carbon impacts in our supply chain;
- educating and engaging our people to reduce work-related emissions; and
- investing in projects that reduce or remove emissions from the atmosphere to offset our residual carbon emissions and reduce our annual carbon footprint to zero.

2C. Emissions reduction actions

Table 2. Emissions reduction actions in the current reporting period				
Emissions source	Reduction measure and calculation method	Scope	Status	Reduction t CO ₂ -e
Business travel	Ongoing improvements to conferencing technology with a view to reducing the need to travel.	3	Ongoing	Not estimated
Office paper	Ongoing improvements to Allens' document management system with a view to reducing printing volumes and paper use.	3	Ongoing	Not estimated
Waste to landfill	Ongoing improvements to and promotion of recycling services with a view to reducing the volume of waste to landfill.	3	Ongoing	Not estimated.
Employee commute,	Ongoing education and engagement of employees to encourage them to reduce their	3	Ongoing	Not estimated

Business travel - flights, Electricity, Paper, Waste	environmental impacts at work and at home (including training and participation in Citizen Science volunteering opportunities, Ride2Work Day, Earth Hour, World Environment Day and National Recycling Week events).
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3. Emissions summary

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Scope	Emissions source	t CO ₂ -e
1	Refrigerants	3
1	Natural gas	2.42
2 & 3	Electricity (tenancy, base building and data centre)	3720.41
2 & 3	Electricity renewables	0
3	Accommodation - international	17.37
3	Accommodation - domestic	249.36
3	Water	9.86
3	IT equipment	856.94
3	Office paper purchased	102.15
3	Paper (NCOS carbon neutral certified product (21,081.75kg))	0
3	Employee commute	1199.11
3	Postage and couriers	330.38
3	Taxi use	54.77
3	Business travel - flights	3171.89
3	Food and catering	1145.07
3	Meat, meat products and seafood	181.29
3	Waste to landfill	70.94
Total Gross Emissions		11114.96

4. Carbon offsets

Table 3. Offsets Summary						
Projects supported by offset purchases	Eligible offset units	Registry	Cancellation date	Serial numbers (including hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Quantity
April Salumei REDD Project	VCUs	APX	30 October 2018	5712-256345320-256346354-VCU-016-APX-PG-14-1122-22052009-31122012-0	2009-12	1035
Colodan Reef Project (ERF115336)	ACCUs	ANREU	2 April 2019	3,777,301,359 - 3,777,302,504	2018-19	1146
North East Arnhem Land Fire Abatement (NEALFA)	ACCUs	ANREU	2 April 2019	3,755,680,509 - 3,755,680,523	2016-17	15
West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement (WALFA)	ACCUs	ANREU	2 April 2019	3,769,402,620 - 3,769,403,374	2017-18	755
Bac Lieu Province Wind Power Plant	GS CER	ANREU	2 April 2019	21,255,152 - 21,257,135	2016	1984
51MW Wind Power Project at Chitaradurga	VCUs	APX	1 April 2019	6355-297187549-297190195-VCU-050-APX-IN-1-706-01112017-31122017-0	2017	2647
Northern Savanna Project	ACCUs	ANREU	14 January 2020	3,786,659,885 - 3,786,660,802	2019-20	918
April Salumei REDD Project	VCUs	APX	30 October 2018	5712-256346355-256346487-VCU-016-APX-PG-14-1122-22052009-31122012-0	2009-12	133
Bac Lieu Province Wind Power Plant	GS CERs	ANREU	14 January 2020	21,257,136 - 21,257,958	2016	823
Wind Power Project in Tirupur District	VCUs	APX	13 January 2020	7149-374432585-374434243-VCU-050-APX-IN-1-1163-01012018-07012019-0	2018-19	1659
Total offsets cancelled						11115

4B. Offsets purchasing and retirement strategy

Allens purchases and retires a quantity of eligible offset units during the reporting period and then performs a true-up purchase at the end of the reporting period to ensure that a sufficient volume of offset units have been retired.

4C. Offset projects (co-benefits)

Allens invests in a number of projects in Australia and overseas that reduce or remove emissions from the atmosphere and also deliver environmental and social co-benefits. The example projects described below relate to approximately 15 per cent of the total volume of offset units purchased and retired by Allens for the FY19 reporting period.

West Arnhem Land fire abatement project, North Arnhem Land fire abatement project and Northern Savanna project

These projects are operated by Traditional Landowners and Indigenous fire management groups in Queensland and the Northern Territory and involve conducting strategic and planned burning on country in the early dry season to reduce the intensity of late dry season wild fires. In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, these projects provide employment and an income stream to local Aboriginal communities, strengthen connections with the land, contribute to the preservation and transfer of knowledge and protect biodiversity and sacred sites.

5. Use of trade mark

Table 4. Trade mark register	
Where used	Logo type
Employee induction training presentation	Certified organisation
NCOS public disclosure statement FY18	Certified organisation