



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**GOLDEN WEST HOLDINGS PTY LTD T/A
BLUE MOUNTAINS EXPLORER BUS/
FANTASTIC AUSSIE TOURS**

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
FY2019-20 ¹**

Australian Government
Climate Active
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REPORTING PERIOD: Financial year 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020

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.

Signature *Jason Cronshaw*

Date 16 September 2021

Name of Signatory Jason Cronshaw

Position of Signatory Managing Director



Australian Government
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1. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

This greenhouse gas (GHG) statement has been prepared for the financial year (FY) from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. The certification covers the Australian business operations of Golden West Holdings (ABN 54 003 025 250).

This GHG inventory quantifies carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions, and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), measured in tonnes CO₂-e. We are not aware of any significant sources of perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆), or nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃) within the operational boundary. It covers direct (scope 1) and indirect (scope 2) GHG emissions associated with Fantastic Aussie Tours' and Blue Mountains Explorer Bus's activities over which Golden West Holdings has operational control, as well as other indirect GHG emissions that occur as a result of Golden West Holdings' business activities (scope 3).

Climate Active is very important to us operating within a World Heritage National Park. It enables us to understand how our actions affect the natural environment and try to reduce our impacts.

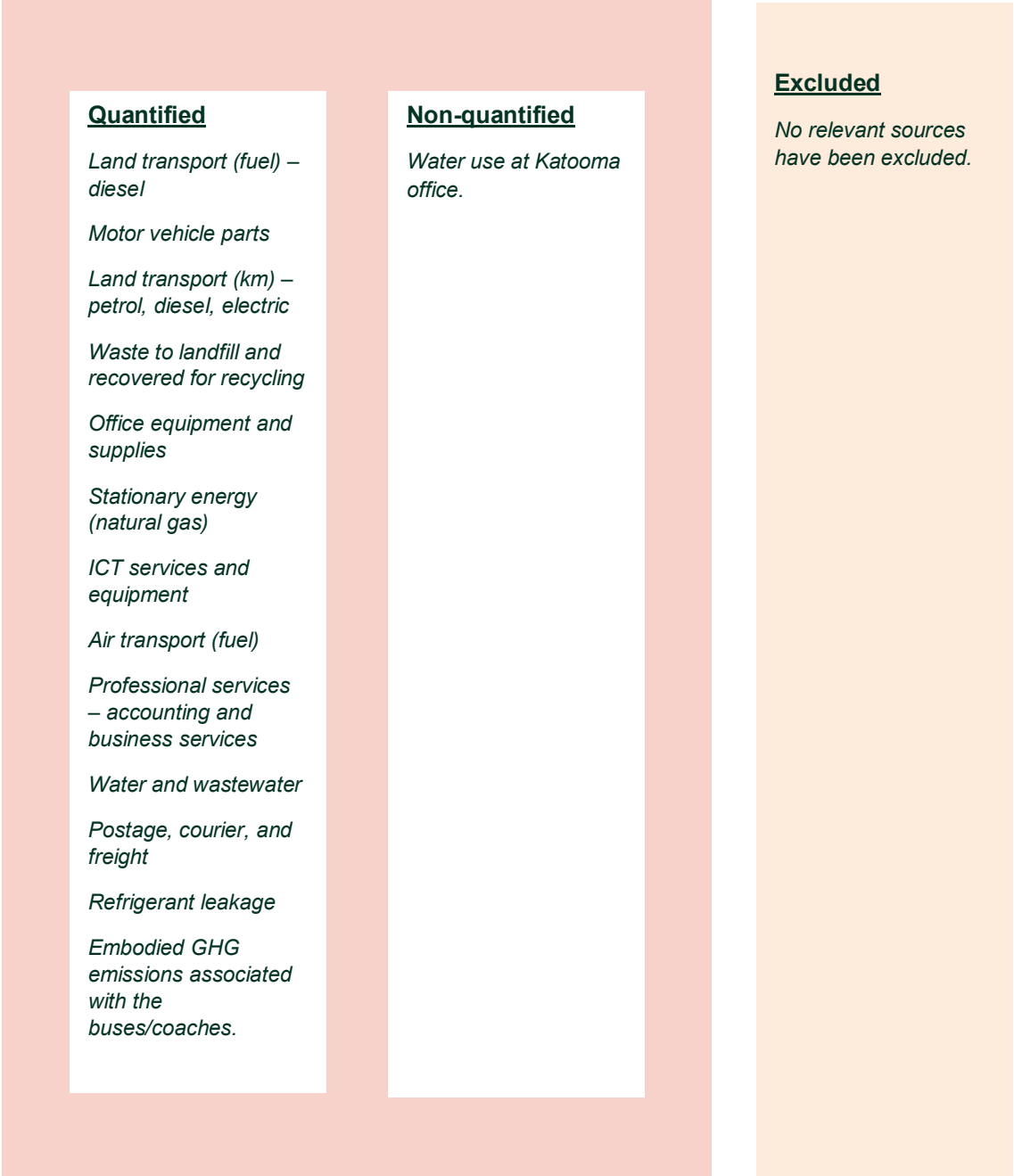
Organisation description

Golden West Holdings operates both Fantastic Aussie Tours and Blue Mountains Explorer Bus, based in an office in Katoomba (238 Bathurst St) and a depot in North Katoomba (91 Barton St). These two businesses provide three different types of transport services for tourists, schools, corporate events and other customers. These services are:

- Hop-on hop-off Explorer Bus: This service ferries tourists between different sites in the Blue Mountains.
- Fantastic Aussie Tours: This caters to tourists wanting to take tours in the Blue Mountains as well as other locations (e.g. between Sydney and inter-state destinations)
- Fantastic Aussie Tours coach charter service: This involves six coaches catering to local schools, Barker College (outdoor education), the International Management School, Corporate transfers (e.g. to restaurants, hotels or to/from Sydney)

2. EMISSION BOUNDARY

Diagram of the certification boundary



Non-quantified sources

Water use for one toilet and one sink in the rented Katoomba office has been excluded as Golden West Holdings does not pay for this water usage nor has access to the water invoices for the premises. The contribution of this emission source to the total footprint is considered to be de minimis.

All other relevant emission sources have been accounted for. Emission sources not accounted for in previous years because they were deemed immaterial are now included in this GHG inventory.

Data management plan

Not applicable.

Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

No relevant emission sources have been excluded.

Being Climate Active for us means identifying ways to reduce waste and unnecessary energy, fuel, and other inputs. All these actions can not only help us save money but do our part in addressing climate change and ensuring we are sustainable within our own region.

3. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions reduction strategy

The following activities form part of Golden West Holdings's emissions reduction actions:

- Annual measurement and reporting of energy consumption and GHG inventory
- Identifying and implementing opportunities to reduce emissions and energy consumption wherever possible and feasible (avoid, reduce, offset)
- Staff engagement, providing staff the opportunity to contribute to the process of reducing emissions.

Emissions over time

Table 1

Emissions since base year					
	Base year: 2015-16	Year 1: 2016-17	Year 2: 2017-18	Year 3: 2018-19	Current year Year 4: 2019-2020
<i>Total t CO₂-e</i>	681	422	417	425	362

Emissions reduction actions

Golden West Holdings is using the current GHG inventory and the baseline to identify, evaluate and implement potential emission reduction opportunities and against which future efforts and overall environmental performance is evaluated. Opportunities implemented include:

- Switching to Climate Active-certified carbon neutral products, such as
 - Carbon neutral office paper
 - Carbon neutral electricity products
 - Carbon neutral flight options for business travel
- Driver training
- Energy efficiency opportunities to reduce energy demand, such as switching lights to LEDs, and considering the most efficient options when procuring new equipment
- Improving recycling rate and further reducing amount of waste that goes to landfill

Emissions summary (inventory)

Table 2

Emission source category	tonnes CO ₂ -e
Land transport (fuel)	275.60

Land transport (km)	23.30
Motor vehicle parts	20.55
Office equipment and supplies	16.58
ICT equipment and services	9.06
Waste to landfill	7.51
Stationary energy (natural gas)	4.31
Professional services	1.63
Cleaning and chemicals	0.86
Air transport (fuel)	0.81
Refrigerant leakage	0.60
Water and wastewater	0.48
Postage, courier and freight	0.24
Recovery for recycling	0.02
Embodied GHG emissions associated with the buses/coaches	0.00
<i>Total Net Emissions</i>	361.55

Uplift factors

N/A

Carbon neutral products

- Castrol Vectron oils
- Australian Paper

Electricity summary

Electricity was calculated using the location-based method.

Climate Active Carbon Neutral Electricity summary

Carbon Neutral electricity offset by Climate Active Product	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO ₂ e)
<i>Powershop</i>	14,436	0

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. The emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their Product certification.

4. CARBON OFFSETS

Offsets strategy

Offsets will be purchased and retired annually in arrears at the end of each reporting year in accordance with Climate Active and the Climate Active Technical Manual. All offsets will be purchased and retired by the offset provider on Golden West Holdings's behalf.

1. Total offsets previously forward purchased and banked for this report	N/A
2. Total emissions liability to offset for this report	362 tonnes CO ₂ -e
3. Net offset balance for this reporting period	362 tonnes CO ₂ -e
4. Total offsets to be forward purchased to offset the next reporting period	N/A
5. Total offsets required for this report	362 tonnes CO ₂ -e

Co-benefits

[Co-benefits](#) include alleviation of poverty by generating additional employment, removal of social disparities and contributes to provision of basic amenities to local communities leading to improvement of life quality.

Offsets summary

Proof of cancellation of offset units

Offsets cancelled for Climate Active Carbon Neutral Certification										
Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Eligible Quantity (TCO2-e)	Quantity used for previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period claim	Percentage of total (%)
7 MW Bundled Hydro power project at Himachal Pradesh	CER	UN Carbon offset platform/ CDM Registry	06 August 2021	IN-5-224387431-2-2-0-9111 to IN-5-224387792-2-2-0-9111	2013	362	N/A	N/A	362	100%
Total offsets retired this report and used in this report										362
Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports										0
Additional offsets cancelled for purposes other than Climate Active Carbon Neutral certification										
Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Eligible Quantity (TCO2-e)	Purpose of cancellation			
7 MW Bundled Hydro power project at Himachal Pradesh	CER	UN Carbon offset platform/ CDM	06 August 2021	IN-5-224387793-2-2-0-9111 to IN-5-224387810-2-2-0-91	2013	18	To minimise the risk of shortfall, as well as to underscore Golden West Holding's commitment to combating climate change.			

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Type of offset units	Quantity (used for this reporting period claim)	Percentage of Total
Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs)	362	100

5. USE OF TRADE MARK

Table 8

Description where trademark used	Logo type
Website	Certified organisation & service
Marketing materials	Certified organisation & service
Email signature	Certified organisation & service
On buses	Certified service
Business cards & stationery	Certified organisation

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Golden West Holdings will continuously review available emission factors and methodologies and update its GHG inventory if there are any significant changes to the data, inventory boundary, methodologies, emission factors or any other relevant factors such as changes to the organisational structure or the discovery of significant errors.

Golden West Holdings is also supporting the is also supporting the United Nations Climate Change Climate Neutral Now initiative.

APPENDIX 1

Excluded emissions

To be deemed relevant an emission must meet two of the five relevance criteria. Excluded emissions are detailed below against each of the five criteria.

Table 9

Relevance test					
Excluded emission sources	<i>The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions</i>	<i>The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.</i>	<i>Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.</i>	<i>The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.</i>	<i>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.</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

APPENDIX 2

Non-quantified emissions for organisations

Table 10

Non-quantification test				
Relevant-non-quantified emission sources	<i>Immaterial <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively</i>	<i>Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.</i>	<i>Data unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.</i>	<i>Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified</i>
Water use at Katoomba office	Yes	Yes	No	No



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