



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

GREENCOLLAR GROUP

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
CY2020**

Australian Government
Climate Active
Public Disclosure Statement



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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY: GreenCollar Group

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 1 January 2020 - 31 December 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

Date

7 April 2022

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Position of Signatory: Chief Executive Officer – GreenCollar Group



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1. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

The Australian business operations of GreenCollar Group, ABN 45 154 092 369.

Organisation description

GreenCollar is Australia's largest and most successful environmental market developer, founded in 2008 to pioneer new ways to finance environmental progress and put nature on the balance sheet. We work alongside the country's leading corporates, land managers, research and environmental organisations to accelerate the transition to a net-zero world and drive positive impact at scale. We deliver environmental outcomes of the highest integrity and continue to grow into a leading global force in the environmental markets industry. We operate in the carbon, water quality, biodiversity and plastics markets in Australia and we are now transitioning into international markets,

GreenCollar is headquartered in Sydney, NSW and has offices throughout Australia. Our diverse project portfolio extends across over 5 million ha of Australia's landscape in 150+ project locations.

Australia is transitioning towards net-zero across all industries, and it is clear that investors, shareholders and customers are beginning to demand more from their suppliers, partners, and purchases. As a leader in environmental markets, GreenCollar is looking to pave the way and set industry best practice by becoming carbon neutral with Climate Active.

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We’re not just aiming for a net-zero future, we’re aiming for net-positive. This means that every effort we make to balance or offset environmental impact also comes with additional social, economic or environmental benefits – such as improved biodiversity increased soil quality, community advancement or local jobs.”

2. EMISSION BOUNDARY

Diagram of the certification boundary

The emissions boundary of this certification is shown below.



Non-quantified sources

There are no non-quantified emission sources.

Data management plan

A data management plan is not required.

Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

Not required as all relevant emission sources have been quantified.

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3. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions reduction strategy

GreenCollar has actively encouraged working from home rather than commuting to the office since 2019. We have established offices throughout Australia to ensure teams can minimise travel interstate and concentrate local resources. As a result, air travel requirements have been significantly decreased, with GreenCollar making greater use of video conferencing software. GreenCollar also aims to implement a policy to offset all international and domestic air travel, noting that there has been significant disruptions to air travel during CY2020.

GreenCollar offices aim to use recycled stationary material where possible and are moving toward responsible sourcing of all office equipment. Furthermore, the Sydney head office will look to implement responsible disposal of all organic food waste.

Given the current rapid growth of the business and COVID related impacts, GreenCollar will develop a detailed emissions reduction strategy over the next two years, which will be used to set emission reduction targets accordingly.

Emissions over time

There has been a significant decrease in emissions from CY2019 to CY2020, despite growth in the number of GreenCollar employees. The decrease in emissions can largely be attributed to COVID-19 travel restrictions and associated decrease in travel to site.

Table 1

Emissions since base year		
	Base year: CY2019	Year 1: CY2020
<i>Total tCO2e</i>	610.89	395.322

Emissions reduction actions

GreenCollar have reduced emissions by increasing the proportion of flights that have been offset at the point of purchase with airlines offering a Climate Active Carbon Neutral air travel services. GreenCollar has also substantially increased staff numbers as it has looked to expand into different markets, such as water quality, biodiversity and plastics markets. However, there has been a significant reduction in emissions as a result of COVID related shutdowns and border closures which have greatly reduced the travel requirements of GreenCollar staff. As GreenCollar has increased staff numbers, it has looked to hire locally, and in proximity to projects, to reduce excess air travel requirements.

Emission source	Previous reporting period		This reporting period		% change from previous year	% Contribution to inventory	Reason for change	Detailed reason for change
	Activity Data	Total Emissions (kg CO2e)	Activity Data	Total Emissions (kg CO2e)				
Accommodation and venue hire	136,525.85	93,110.63	127,048.57	86,647.12	-7%	22%	natural disaster	COVID related travel restrictions reduced travel requirements for GreenCollar Group
Short economy class flights (>400km, ≤3,700km)	1,008,587.00	174,273.75	362,971.00	61,607.07	-64%	16%	natural disaster	COVID related travel restrictions reduced travel requirements for GreenCollar Group
Total net electricity emissions (Market based)	9,133.26	9,133.26	33,191.37	33,191.37	263%	9%	organic growth	Significant growth in company staff numbers and associated emissions
Food & catering	88,427.80	34,301.39	56,849.67	22,052.14	-36%	6%	natural disaster	COVID related restrictions reduced business travel and opportunities for event hosting,

Computer and technical services	-	-	176,604.03	29,234.05	N/A	8%	organic growth	Change in accounting classification and significant increase in company staff numbers
Diesel oil post-2004	38.10	108,976.31	26.38	75,376.20	-31%	19%	natural disaster	COVID related travel restrictions reduced travel requirements for GreenCollar Group

Emissions summary (inventory)

Table 2

Emission source category	tonnes CO ₂ -e
Accommodation and facilities	86.647
Air Transport (km)	80.714
Carbon neutral products and services	0
Cleaning and Chemicals	2.213
Electricity	33.191
Food	22.052
ICT services and equipment	47.497
Land and Sea Transport (fuel)	75.906
Land and Sea Transport (km)	13.973
Office equipment & supplies	11.075
Postage, courier and freight	1.074
Professional Services	5.529
Waste	3.227
Working from home	12.224
<i>Total Net Emissions</i>	395.322

Uplift factors

Table 3

Reason for uplift factor	tonnes CO ₂ -e
No uplift factor has been applied	-
<i>Total footprint to offset (uplift factors + net emissions)</i>	395.322

Carbon neutral products

Qantas Opt-in Carbon Neutral Air Travel.

Electricity summary

Electricity was calculated using market-based approach.

Market-based approach summary

Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO ₂ e)	Renewable %
Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated	0	0	0%
Total non-grid electricity	0	0	0%
LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables	0	0	0%
Residual Electricity	30,784	33,191	0.0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	7,367	0	19%
Total grid electricity	38,151	33,191	19%
Total Electricity Consumed (grid + non grid)	38,151	33,191	19%
Electricity renewables	7,367	0	
Residual Electricity	30,784	33,191	
Exported on-site generated electricity	0	0	
Emission Footprint (kgCO ₂ e)		33,191	

Emission Footprint (TCO₂e)	33
LRET renewables	19.31%
Voluntary Renewable Electricity	0.00%
Total renewables	19.31%

Location-based approach summary

Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kgCO ₂ e)
ACT	0	0
NSW	38,151	34,336
SA	0	0
Vic	0	0
Qld	0	0
NT	0	0
WA	0	0
Tas	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	38,151	34,336
ACT	0	0
NSW	0	0
SA	0	0
Vic	0	0
Qld	0	0
NT	0	0
WA	0	0
Tas	0	0
Non-grid electricity (Behind the meter)	0	0
Total Electricity Consumed	38,151	34,336

Emission Footprint (TCO2e)	34
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4. CARBON OFFSETS

Offsets strategy

Offset purchasing strategy: In arrears	
1. Total offsets previously forward purchased and banked for this report	0
2. Total emissions liability to offset for this report	396
3. Net offset balance for this reporting period	396
4. Total offsets to be forward purchased to offset the next reporting period	0
5. Total offsets required for this report	396

Co-benefits

The Australian Carbon Credit Units purchased to fulfill this offset requirement originate from a New South Wales Landfill Gas Project on the outskirts of Sydney. ACCUs from this Project are high integrity, high quality carbon units that have prevented the release of methane, a potent greenhouse gas from entering the atmosphere.

Decomposition of the organic material within landfills under anaerobic conditions produces landfill gas that comprises approximately 50 percent methane. The landfill gas can be recovered and used to generate electricity or for an alternative fuel. The electricity that is generated is supplied to the grid or for industrial use.

Energy from Waste provides an alternative environmentally sustainable form of waste treatment and is a recognised element of the overall waste management infrastructure in Australia.

Importantly Landfill Gas Projects have a range of environmental and social benefits including lower energy bills for grid users, waste volume reduction, energy preservation, odour control, lower greenhouse gas emissions, awareness of environmental action and job creation.

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 (%)
Horsley Park Landfill Gas Project	ACCU	ANREU	8 March 2022	3,795,301,051 – 3,795,301,311	2019-20	261	0	0	261	65.9%
Horsley Park Landfill Gas Project	ACCU	ANREU	8 March 2022	3,780,905,565 – 3,780,905,699	2018-19	135	0	0	135	34.1%
Total offsets retired this report and used in this report									396	
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			
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Type of offset units	Quantity (used for this reporting period claim)	Percentage of Total
Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs)	396	100%

5. USE OF TRADE MARK

Table 8

Description where trademark used	Logo type
Website, social media, email signatures.	Organisation
Reports and Briefs	Organisation
Marketing and communications material	Organisation
B Corp recertification	Organisation
Government or corporate partner presentations	Organisation

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GreenCollar is a Certified B Corporation and a foundation signatory to the Carbon Industry Code of Conduct, which aims to promote market integrity, consumer protection and appropriate interactions with project stakeholders, including Native Title Holders, representative bodies, land managers and project owners in all carbon projects across Australia.

More recently, GreenCollar was also voted 'Best Places to Work in Australia' in the 2021 Australian Financial Review.

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>

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>

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