

Australian Government
Carbon Neutral Program
Public Disclosure Summary



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Responsible Entity name: Uniting Communities Incorporated

Building / Project Name: U-City

Building Owner (if different from Responsible Entity): Uniting Communities Incorporated

Project Address: 43 Franklin St, Adelaide, South Australia 5000

This building / project name has been Certified Carbon Neutral (whole building) by the GBCA against the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Buildings (the Standard) for the period 06/07/2023 to 06/07/2024.

Total emissions offset	650 tCO ₂ -e
Offsets bought	100% VCUs
Renewable electricity	18.54%

Emissions Reduction Strategy

The Responsible Entity has achieved either	At least a 4 Star Green Star – Performance Rating; or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(The Green Star – Performance Certificate and associated Carbon	At least 8 out of 20 (base building) in the Greenhouse Gas Emissions credit; or	<input type="checkbox"/>

Emissions Reduction Strategy

Neutral Certificate are displayed on the Department's website)	At least 9 out of 23 (whole building) in the Greenhouse Gas Emissions credit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Or, the Responsible Entity has provided the following commitment to achieve a minimum energy efficiency rating within three years of the building's first carbon neutral certification

Reporting Year Period day month year – day month year

The project's nominated Green Star - Performance period	01/07/2021
12 consecutive months from which data will be drawn for the purposes of the project's Green Star – Performance assessment.	to 30/06/2022

1. Carbon Neutral Information

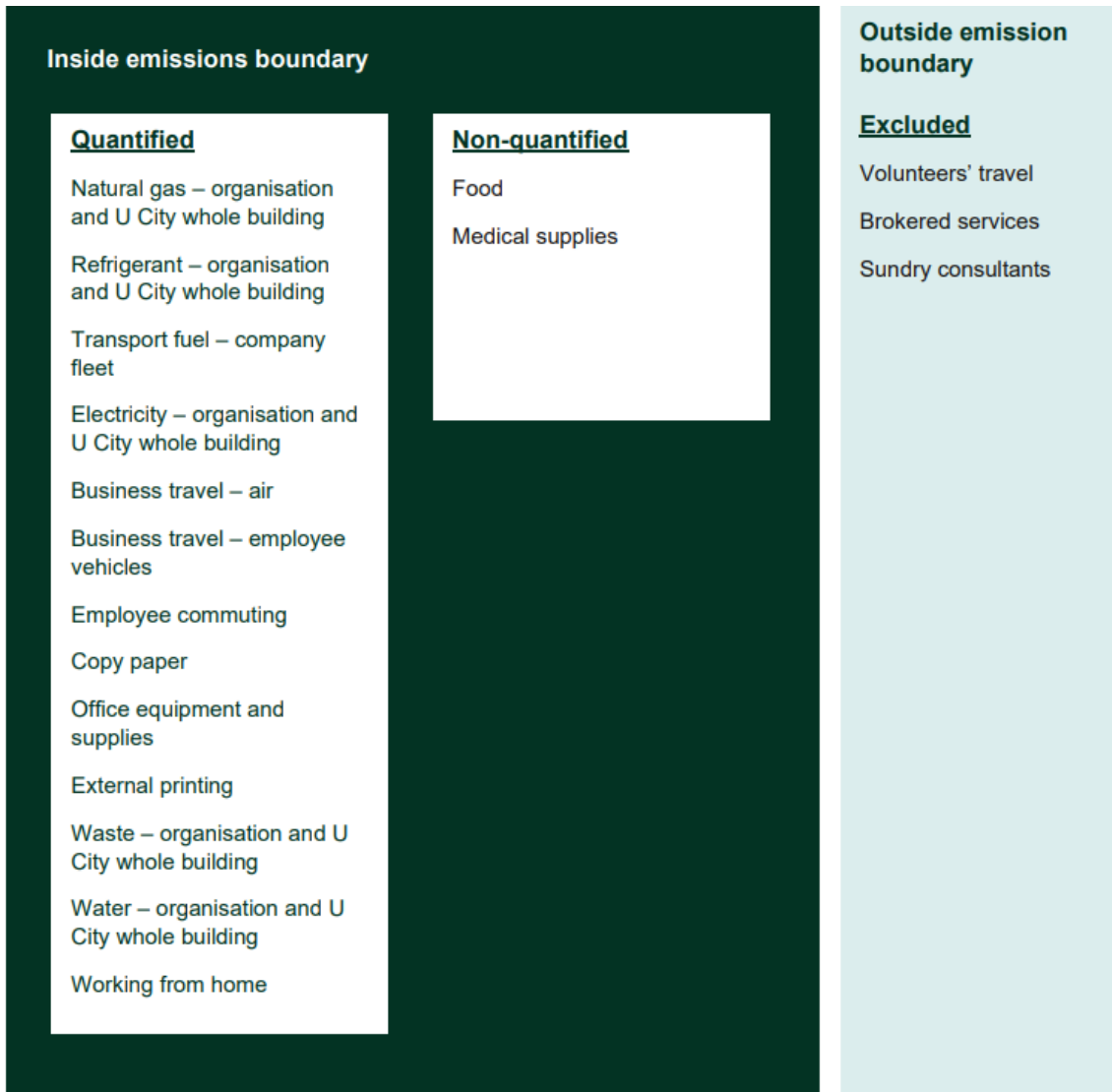
Uniting Communities was the first South Australian organisation and first registered charity in Australia to become certified carbon neutral, in 2015. Uniting Communities is an inclusive not-for-profit organisation working alongside more than 80,000 South Australians each year as they strive for bright futures and great lives. We value diversity and are committed to providing respectful, accessible services to all.

Uniting Communities' 'U City' development is a community mixed use building - the first of its kind in Australia - blending Uniting Communities' own services and offices with commercial retail and other tenants, a retirement village and a disability hotel. In line with the organisation's leadership in sustainable practices, the U City building is setting a new benchmark for developments in Adelaide and South Australia, and for the community and aged care sectors in particular.

Further, for the purposes of this Carbon Neutral for Buildings certification, it's a unique situation for this building, where Uniting Communities has a Climate Active Carbon Neutral for Organisations certification. As an organisation, Uniting Communities occupies the U-City building and has already captured and offset all its emissions under its organisational Climate Active Carbon Neutral certification, including all the building's energy use, water and waste emissions. The purpose of this building-specific certification is to quantify and disclose the emissions directly within the scope of the U-City building.

For reference, the following diagram from the Uniting Communities' Organisational Carbon Neutral certification [public disclosure statement](#) outlines the emissions

boundary covered by the FY2021-22 organisational certification, for the reporting period 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2022.



1B Emission sources within certification boundary

Table 1. Emissions Boundary

	Base Building; or	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Responsible Entity has achieved Carbon Neutral Certification for the	Whole Building.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The Responsible Entity has defined a set building's emissions boundary (in terms of	Scope 1: Refrigerants, Gas/Fuels	

Table 1. Emissions Boundary

geographic boundary, building operations, relevance & materiality) as including the following emission sources

Scope 2: Electricity
 Scope 3: Gas/Fuels & Electricity, Water, Waste, Wastewater.

Shared services are present within the project boundary which enable the building to fulfil its function	Yes; or	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Emissions Summary

Table 3. Emissions Source – Summary (for projects using the 15B, 15C, or 15D pathway) t CO₂ –e

Scope 1: Refrigerants	0
Scope 1: Combustion of fuel	66.636
Scope 2: Electricity	349.853
Scope 3: Electricity	115.871
Scope 3: Fuel	13.841
Scope 3: Water	15.4
Scope 3: Wastewater	0
Scope 3: Waste (includes transport)	89
Total Emissions	650.6

3. Emissions over time

Table 5. Emissions since base year **t CO₂ –e**

Base Year	01/07/22 - 30/06/21	868.19
Year 1:	01/07/22 - 30/06/21	650.6

4. Carbon Offsets Summary

Table 6. Offsets retired*

Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial Numbers / hyperlink*	Vintage	Stapled Quantity	Eligible Quantity (tCO ₂ – e) (total quantity retired)	Quantity used in previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting claim	Percentage of total (%)
InfraVest Changbin and Taichung bundled Wind Farms Project – Taiwan Stapled to:	VER	Gold Standard	30/11/20	GS1-1-TW-GS472-12-2017-6457-117603-122502	2017	-	4,900	784	1,289	2,827	100%
EcoAustralia Mount Sandy biodiverse native	ABU	N/A	02/12/20	2019/4003-VOL001-11103 to 2019/400	2020	4900	-	-	-	-	-

Table 6. Offsets retired*

vegetation conservation project – SA				3- VOL001- 16629							
				Link not publicly available							
	VCS	VERRA	05/07/22	7638-4161568-75-4161592-74-VCU-034-APX-IN-1-1728-0101201-7-2411201-7-0	2017	-	2,400	0	2,400	0	0%
Bundled wind power project by Myrtah Group - India											
Total offsets retired in the FY2021-21 Organisation Certification Report (including the whole building emissions offset for this Building Certification Report)										2,827	
➤ Whole building emissions offset for this Building Certification Report										651	
Total offsets banked for use future years: (if any)									3,689		

* As per the [Uniting Communities FY2021-22 Climate Active Carbon Neutral Organisation Certification](#).

Type of offset units	Quantity (used for the organisation and building reporting period claim)	Percentage of total
Verified Emissions Reductions (VERs)	2,827	100%

5. Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

Appendix A: Electricity Summary

Electricity emissions are calculated using a location-based approach.

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.

Marked Based Approach - Total Renewables Summary

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	327,592 kWh
Mandatory (RET) *	259,451 kWh
Voluntary *	0
Behind the meter	68,141 kWh
Residual Electricity	1,139,959 kWh
Market Based Approach Emissions Footprint	1,134 tCO ₂ -e
Location Based Approach Summary	t CO₂ –e
Location Based Approach Emissions Footprint	465.7 t CO ₂ -e

Note

The categories can include:

- * Mandatory - contributions from the Large-scale Renewable Energy Target and jurisdictional renewable electricity targets (if matched by LGC surrenders).
- * Voluntary - contributions from LGCs voluntarily surrendered (including via Power Purchase Agreements) and GreenPower purchases.

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