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| NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY | Allens |
| REPORTING PERIOD | 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 Arrears report |
| DECLARATION | <p><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></p>  <p>Nicky Friedman Counsel: Head of Pro Bono and Community Engagement Date: 2 October 2023</p> |



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1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

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|------------------------|--|
| TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET | 4623 tCO ₂ -e |
| OFFSETS BOUGHT | 20% ACCUs, 80% VCUs |
| RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY | 56.26% |
| TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT | 22/07/2021 Eden Suite Next technical assessment due: FY23 report |

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2. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

The certification covers all of Allens' business operations in Australia as an organisation for the financial year from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Allens' operational boundary has been defined based on the operational control test and includes the firm's offices in Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

The certification does not cover Allens' offices outside of Australia, including in Vietnam and Papua New Guinea, as they are outside of the Australian Climate Active carbon neutral certification.

"Maintaining Climate Active carbon neutral organisation certification supports our commitment to taking climate action in line with credible standards".

Organisation description

Allens is a leading international law firm with offices in Australia (Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney) and in overseas locations including Vietnam (Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City) and Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby).

In Australia, the firm provides legal services to clients across a wide range of practice areas including Corporate, Projects & Development, Disputes & Investigations, Banking & Finance, Tax, Competition, Consumer & Regulatory and Intellectual Property & Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys.

Allens operates as a partnership in Australia. Allens Operations Pty Limited is a separate service entity that provides support services to Allens' legal practice.

The following entities are included within this certification:

| Legal entity name | ABN | ACN |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Allens | 47 702 595 758 | |
| Allens Operations Pty Limited | 87 004 992 607 | 004992607 |

Allens has an international alliance with global law firm Linklaters LLP and through our complementary practices we are able to offer a seamless service to clients, while operating independently. Linklaters LLP is not included within this certification.

For the purposes of this certification, Allens' organisational boundary includes the firm's offices located in Australia (Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Perth). It does not include the firm's offices outside of Australia.

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

Quantified

Accommodation
Cleaning
Electricity
Food and catering
ICT equipment
Telecommunications
Office equipment (printers, furniture)
Office supplies (paper, stationery)
Postage and couriers
Refrigerants
Stationary energy (natural gas)
Transport (air)
Transport (taxis, rideshare and hire cars)
Employee commute
Waste to landfill
Water
Working from home

Non-quantified

Nil

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

Other purchased goods and services (ie, other than the purchased goods and services quantified in the carbon inventory) (eg, professional services).

International offices.

Data management plan for non-quantified sources

There are no non-quantified sources in the emission boundary that require a data management plan.

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Allens has a long held commitment to measuring and taking action to reduce the firm's greenhouse gas emissions. In FY22, Allens set a near-term science-based target to reduce absolute scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by FY2030, from a FY2019 baseline. This target has been approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), and can be viewed on the [SBTi website](#).

For our emissions reduction strategy, we aim to:

- Transition to purchasing our office electricity through arrangements that support renewable energy such as GreenPower accredited electricity, in offices where we have control to do so;
- Promote the efficient use of energy in our premises and operations;
- Avoid non-essential business travel, and support and encourage the use of virtual collaboration and conferencing technologies and practices;
- Promote the efficient use of natural resources, minimise the generation of waste and encourage reuse and recycling where possible;
- Encourage our suppliers to reduce carbon impacts in our supply chain; and
- Support our people to adopt positive environmental practices.

Emissions reduction actions

Since obtaining carbon neutral organisation certification for our Australian offices in December 2014, Allens has achieved greenhouse gas emissions reductions through a range of measures including sourcing 100% GreenPower accredited electricity for our offices in Sydney and Melbourne, energy efficiency improvements in our premises and ICT equipment, and investment in conferencing technology and digital working practices.

In FY22, the total greenhouse gas emissions for Allens' Australian offices decreased by 7 per cent compared to the previous financial year. Emissions reductions during the reporting period were attributable to a range of factors including:

- Ongoing changes in working practices, business travel, catering and office use as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Commencing the process of sourcing GreenPower accredited energy for our tenancy electricity in Brisbane;
- Implementing energy efficiency measures in connection with our move to new office premises in Perth;
- Ongoing investment in technology, systems and training to support digital working practices and virtual meetings, with a view to reducing paper use and business travel; and
- Ongoing adoption of hybrid working principles to support working from home and reduce employee commuting.

5. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

| Emissions since base year | | Total tCO ₂ -e |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Base year: | 2013–14 | 15,415.0 |
| Year 1: | 2014–15 | 13,336.8 |
| Year 2: | 2015–16 | 12,005.1 |
| Year 3 | 2016-17 | 10,875.1 |
| Year 4 | 2017-18 | 10,074.0 |
| Year 5 | 2018-19 | 11,114.96 |
| Year 6 | 2019-20 | 8,829.02 |
| Year 7 | 2020-21 | 4972.17 |
| Year 8 | 2021-22 | 4622.78 |

Significant changes in emissions

For this reporting period, we have added emissions associated with furniture purchases (in the Office equipment & supplies category). Other significant changes to our emissions sources are listed below.

| Emission source | Current year (tCO ₂ -e) | Previous year (tCO ₂ -e) | Reason for change |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Electricity | 1553.15 | 2655.665 | Sourcing 100% GreenPower accredited energy for tenancy electricity in Sydney and Melbourne offices, and transition (during FY22) to sourcing GreenPower accredited energy for tenancy electricity in Brisbane. Implementing energy efficiency measures in connection with move to new office premises in Perth. |
| Food and catering | 306.76 | 214.62 | Increase in food and catering services as COVID-19 restrictions eased. |
| ICT equipment | 604.97 | 715.77 | New Climate Active emissions factors used to more accurately measure emissions associated with leased office equipment. |
| Transport (Air) | 539.94 | 120.4 | Increase in business-related travel as COVID-19 restrictions eased. |
| Transport (Land and Sea) | 491.34 | 277.41 | Increase in business-related travel as COVID-19 restrictions eased. Consultants engaged to conduct a staff survey regarding commuting patterns enabling us to more accurately |

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---|
| | | | measure emissions associated with employee commuting. |
| Working from home | 494.25 | 505.08 | More employees returning to the office as COVID-19 restrictions eased. Consultants engaged to conduct a staff survey regarding renewable energy use at home enabling us to more accurately measure working from home emissions. |

Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products and services

| Certified brand name | Product or Service used |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| WINC (Opal Australian Paper) | Paper |

Organisation emissions summary

The electricity summary is available in Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a market-based approach.

| Emissions category | Scope 1 emissions (t CO ₂ -e) | Scope 2 emissions (t CO ₂ -e) | Scope 3 emissions (t CO ₂ -e) | Total emissions (t CO ₂ -e) |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Accommodation and facilities | 0.00 | 0.00 | 55.30 | 55.30 |
| Cleaning and Chemicals | 0.00 | 0.00 | 137.29 | 137.29 |
| Climate Active Carbon Neutral Products and Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Electricity | 0.00 | 1553.15 | 0.00 | 1553.15 |
| Food | 0.00 | 0.00 | 306.76 | 306.76 |
| ICT services and equipment | 0.00 | 0.00 | 604.97 | 604.97 |
| Office equipment & supplies | 0.00 | 0.00 | 276.86 | 276.86 |
| Postage, courier and freight | 0.00 | 0.00 | 93.20 | 93.20 |
| Refrigerants | 12.91 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12.91 |
| Stationary Energy (gaseous fuels) | 0.99 | 0.00 | 0.25 | 1.25 |
| Transport (Air) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 539.94 | 539.94 |
| Transport (Land and Sea) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 491.34 | 491.34 |
| Waste | 0.00 | 0.00 | 42.02 | 42.02 |
| Water | 0.00 | 0.00 | 13.54 | 13.54 |
| Working from home | 0.00 | 0.00 | 494.25 | 494.25 |
| Total | 13.91 | 1553.15 | 3055.72 | 4622.78 |

Uplift factors

N/A

6. CARBON OFFSETS

Offsets retirement approach

| In arrears | |
|--|-------|
| 1. Total number of eligible offsets banked from last year's report | 282 |
| 2. Total emissions footprint to offset for this report (tCO ₂ -e) | 4,623 |
| 3. Total eligible offsets required for this report | 4,341 |
| 4. Total eligible offsets purchased and retired for this report | 7,450 |
| 5. Total eligible offsets banked to use toward next year's report | 3,109 |

Co-benefits

Co-benefits

Allens invests in projects in Australia and overseas that deliver emissions abatement as well as a variety of environmental and social co-benefits. The project described below relates to 20 percent of the total amount of offsets purchased and retired for this reporting period.

West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement (WALFA) Project

This project is operated by Indigenous Ranger groups in the Northern Territory and involves conducting strategic and planned burning on country in the early dry season to reduce the frequency and intensity of late dry season wild fires. In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the project supports First Nations people in returning to, remaining on and managing their country, and contributes to the preservation and transfer of knowledge and protection of biodiversity.

Eligible offsets retirement summary

| Offsets retired for Climate Active carbon neutral certification | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------|--------------|--|---------|------------------|---|---|---|--|-------------------------|
| Project description | Type of offset units | Registry | Date retired | Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record) | Vintage | Stapled quantity | Eligible quantity (tCO ₂ -e) | Eligible quantity used for previous reporting periods | Eligible quantity banked for future reporting periods | Eligible quantity used for this reporting period | Percentage of total (%) |
| West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement (WALFA) Project | ACCU | ANREU | 30/06/2021 | 3,800,503,868 - 3,800,504,295 | 2019-20 | - | 428 | 320 | 0 | 108 | 2.3% |
| 150 MW grid connected Wind Power based electricity generation project in Gujarat, India | VCU | VERRA | 30/06/2021 | 9085-66464068-66466561- VCS-VCU-1491-VER-IN-1- 292-01012017-31122017-0 | 2017 | - | 2494 | 2320 | 0 | 174 | 3.8% |
| West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement (WALFA) Project | ACCU | ANREU | 12/12/2022 | 8,329,167,356 - 8,329,168,905 | 2020-21 | - | 1550 | 0 | 733 | 817 | 17.7% |
| Cai Be Rice Husk Thermal Energy Generation Project | VCU | VERRA | 12/12/2022 | 4034-172738336- 172739423-VCU-008-APX- VN-1-589-01042012- 31052014-0 | 2014 | - | 1088 | 0 | 438 | 650 | 14.1% |
| Katingan Peatland Restoration and Conservation Project | VCU | VERRA | 12/12/2022 | 6251-292485184- 292485772-VCU-016-APX- ID-14-1477-01112015- 31122016-1 | 2016 | - | 589 | 0 | 0 | 589 | 12.7% |


| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-------|------------|---|------|---|-------------------|---|------|-------------|-------|
| Katingan Peatland Restoration and Conservation Project | VCU | VERRA | 12/12/2022 | 6251-292485773-292486420-VCU-016-APX-ID-14-1477-01112015-31122016-1 | 2016 | - | 648 | 0 | 367 | 281 | 6% |
| Satara Wind Power Project in Maharashtra, India | VCU | VERRA | 12/12/2022 | 8459-21935885-21936947-VCS-VCU-1491-VER-IN-1-1519-01092018-31122018-0 | 2018 | - | 1063 | 0 | 0 | 1063 | 23% |
| Satara Wind Power Project in Maharashtra, India | VCU | VERRA | 12/12/2022 | 8138-460577220-460580031-VCU-050-APX-IN-1-1519-01012019-31102019-0 | 2019 | - | 2512 ¹ | 0 | 1571 | 941 | 20.4% |
| Total offsets retired this report and used in this report | | | | | | | | | | 4623 | |
| Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports | | | | | | | | | | 3109 | |

| Type of offset units | Quantity (used for this reporting period claim) | Percentage of total |
|--|---|---------------------|
| Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU)s | 925 | 20% |
| Verified Carbon Units (VCUs) | 3698 | 80% |

¹ Total quantity retired is 2,812; 300 units have been used for the emissions from international offices, which are not included in this certification.

Evidence of cancellation of offsets

As the ANREU registry is not publicly accessible, screenshots providing evidence of the cancellation of offsets for the West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement Project have been provided below.



Australian National Registry of Emissions Units

Logged in as: Andrew Grant / Industry User

- ANREU Home
- Account Holders
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- My Profile

Transaction Details

Transaction details appear below.

Transaction Successfully Approved

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Transaction ID | AU18935 |
| Current Status | Completed (4) |
| Status Date | 30/06/2021 17:04:59 (AEST) 30/06/2021 07:04:59 (GMT) |
| Transaction Type | Cancellation (4) |
| Transaction Initiator | Grant, Andrew William Thorold |
| Transaction Approver | Grant, Andrew William Thorold |
| Comment | Retired on behalf of Allens to support its Climate Active carbon neutral claim for the period FY21. |

Transferring Account

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Account Number | AU-2734 |
| Account Name | Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd |
| Account Holder | Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd |

Acquiring Account

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Account Number | AU-1068 |
| Account Name | Australia Voluntary Cancellation Account |
| Account Holder | Commonwealth of Australia |

Transaction Blocks

| Party | Type | Transaction Type | Original CP | Current CP | ERF Project ID | NGER Facility ID | NGER Facility Name | Safeguard | Kyoto Project # | Vintage | Expiry Date | Serial Range | Quantity |
|-------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| AU | KACCU | Voluntary ACCU Cancellation | | | EOP100945 | | | | | 2018-19 | | 3,785,544,046 - 3,785,544,674 | 629 |
| AU | KACCU | Voluntary ACCU Cancellation | | | EOP100945 | | | | | 2019-20 | | 3,800,455,178 - 3,800,455,224 | 47 |
| AU | KACCU | Voluntary ACCU Cancellation | | | EOP100945 | | | | | 2019-20 | | 3,800,503,868 - 3,800,504,295 | 428 |

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Transaction Details

Transaction details appear below.

i Transaction Successfully Approved

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Transaction ID | AU25292 |
| Current Status | Completed (4) |
| Status Date | 12/12/2022 15:59:15 (AEDT) 12/12/2022 04:59:15 (GMT) |
| Transaction Type | Cancellation (4) |
| Transaction Initiator | Grant, Andrew William Thorold |
| Transaction Approver | Grant, Andrew William Thorold |
| Comment | Cancelled on behalf of Allens Linklaters to meet its carbon neutral claim against the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for FY22. |

Transferring Account

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Account Number | AU-2734 |
| Account Name | Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd |
| Account Holder | Tasman Environmental Markets Pty Ltd |

Acquiring Account

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Account Number | AU-1068 |
| Account Name | Australia Voluntary Cancellation Account |
| Account Holder | Commonwealth of Australia |

Transaction Blocks

| Party | Type | Transaction Type | Original CP | Current CP | ERF Project ID | NGER Facility ID | NGER Facility Name | Safeguard | Kyoto Project # | Vintage | Expiry Date | Serial Range | Quantity |
|-------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| AU | KACCU | Voluntary ACCU Cancellation | | | EOP100945 | | | | | 2020-21 | | 8,329,167,356 - 8,329,168,905 | 1,550 |

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

Electricity emissions are calculated using a **market-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.

| Market Based Approach Summary | | | |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Market Based Approach | Activity data (kWh) | Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e) | Renewable percentage of total |
| Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Total non-grid electricity | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs & Precinct LGCs) | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| GreenPower | 1,344,628 | 0 | 38% |
| Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs retired) | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity) | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only) | 663,504 | 0 | 19% |
| Residual Electricity | 1,561,014 | 1,553,152 | 0% |
| Total grid electricity | 3,569,146 | 1,553,152 | 56% |
| Total electricity consumed (grid + non grid) | 3,569,146 | 1,553,152 | 56% |
| Electricity renewables | 2,008,132 | 0 | |
| Residual Electricity | 1,561,014 | 1,553,152 | |
| Exported on-site generated electricity | 0 | 0 | |
| Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e) | | 1,553,152 | |
| Total renewables (grid and non-grid) | 56.26% | | |
| Mandatory | 18.59% | | |
| Voluntary | 37.67% | | |
| Behind the meter | 0 | | |
| Residual Electricity Emission Footprint (tCO₂-e) | 1,553 | | |

Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%

Location Based Approach Summary

| Location Based Approach | Activity Data (kWh) | Scope 2 emissions (kgCO ₂ -e) | Scope 3 emissions (kgCO ₂ -e) |
|--|---------------------|--|--|
| ACT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NSW | 1,338,571 | 1,044,085 | 93,700 |
| SA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIC | 1,371,511 | 1,248,075 | 137,151 |
| QLD | 524,598 | 419,678 | 62,952 |
| NT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WA | 334,467 | 224,093 | 3,345 |
| TAS | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3) | 3,569,146 | 2,935,931 | 297,147 |
| ACT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NSW | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| QLD | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TAS | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-grid electricity (Behind the meter) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total electricity consumed | 3,569,146 | 2,935,931 | 297,147 |
| Emissions footprint (tCO₂-e) | 3,233 | | |
| Scope 2 emissions (tCO ₂ -e) | 2936 | | |
| Scope 3 emissions (tCO ₂ -e) | 297 | | |

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity summary

| Carbon Neutral electricity offset by Climate Active product | Activity data (kWh) | Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e) |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Not applicable | 0 | 0 |

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

APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Non-quantified emission sources

N/A

APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to an organisation's or precinct'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.

| Emission sources tested for relevance | (1) Size | (2) Influence | (3) Risk | (4) Stakeholders | (5) Outsourcing | Included in boundary? |
|--|----------|---------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Other purchased goods and services (ie, other than the purchased goods and services quantified in the carbon inventory) (eg, professional services). | No | No | No | No | No | No |



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