



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

NBRS & PARTNERS PTY LTD T/A NBRS

ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION


FY2022-23

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**Climate Active
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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	NBRS & Partners Pty Ltd t/a NBRS
REPORTING PERIOD	Financial year 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023 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>Andrew Duffin Director 22 January 2024</p>



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1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	518.41 t CO ₂ -e
OFFSETS BOUGHT	100% ACCUs
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Katherine Simmons KREA Consulting Pty Ltd
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	N/A
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Date: 09 March 2023 Name: Alexander Stathakis Organisation: Conversio Pty Ltd Next technical assessment due: FY26

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2. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

The Climate Active Carbon Neutral certification covers the Australian business operations of NBRS & Partners Pty Ltd trading as NBRS, ABN 16 002 247 565. This Public Disclosure Statement represents the reporting period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

The reporting boundary includes all direct GHG emission reported from within the organisational boundary, as well as those indirect GHG emissions that are a consequence of NBRS' operations and activities and deemed relevant by the Climate Active initiative administrator.

Facilities included in this GHG inventory are our offices at:

- 4 Glen St, Milsons Point, NSW 2061, and
- Suite 1, Level 4 / 325 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, VIC 3000.
- Level 38, 71 Eagle Street, Brisbane City QLD 4000

The carbon account has been prepared in accordance with the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Organisations. This GHG statement includes carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions measured in tonnes CO₂-e. We are not aware of any significant perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆), or nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃) emission sources within the reporting boundary.

Organisation description

NBRS is a leading multi-disciplinary design firm specialising in Architecture, Heritage, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture. With offices in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, our team of 110 professionals is dedicated to innovative design. Proud recipients of the 2022 'Best in Practice' award from the Australian Institute of Architects, NSW Chapter, we have shaped transformative environments since 1968. Our commitment to work-life balance is evident through our industry-leading 9-day fortnight initiative.

Sustainability is at the core of our philosophy. With an in-house National Sustainability Lead and a dedicated Sustainability Working Group, we align biophilic design principles to create lasting spaces prioritising circularity, health, inclusivity, place-making, and carbon perspectives. At NBRS, we believe in designing spaces that stand the test of time by understanding the diverse needs of people and communities. We aim to craft enduring, healthy environments that enrich lives and contribute positively to the social, environmental and cultural outcomes.

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 or precinct's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary or the scope of the certification. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Further details are available at Appendix D.

Inside emissions boundary

Quantified

Accommodation
Cleaning and chemicals
Carbon Neutral Products and Services
Electricity (incl. base building)
ICT services & equipment
Office equipment & supplies
Postage, courier, & freight
Professional services
Transport (air)
Transport (land & sea)
Working-from-home
Waste
Water

Non-quantified

Refrigerants

Optionally included

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

N/A.

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

NBRS commits to reduce all combined emissions in our value chain by 50% by FY2026, from a 2022 base year.

- **Transition to Green Energy (FY26):**

By FY26, our ambitious goal is to transition all sites to renewable energy by 100%. This goal will be realised through a strategic shift to green energy, surpassing the Science Based Targets initiative's 1.5°C pathway. This commitment underscores our dedication to reducing our market-based carbon footprint and fostering the growth of renewable energy generation.

- **Energy Efficiency and Carbon Neutrality in Offices (FY26):**

We are proactively working with landlords to enhance the energy efficiency of our office buildings. The light fitting upgrade for the Sydney office is planned to be completed in November 2023.

- **Supplier Engagement and Product Choices (FY26):**

Our commitment extends beyond internal operations to supplier engagement. We intend to increase opportunities for purchasing emissions-free or low-emission products and services by assessing major suppliers against sector best practices, including Climate Active carbon neutral certification. Target: We aim to reduce our carbon footprint in product choices by 15% by FY26.

- **Travel Reduction and Carbon Offsetting (FY26):**

We encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transportation through public transportation, electric vehicles, walking and cycling. This initiative, coupled with a renewed commitment to offsetting carbon emissions, emphasises our dedication to mitigating the environmental impact of our operations.

Target: We aim to increase sustainable transportation by 10% and offset all flights when air travel is unavoidable by FY26.

- **Stakeholder Education (FY26):**

Internally, we prioritise employee education to empower our workforce with the knowledge and tools to reduce individual and project-related carbon footprints. Externally, we extend this commitment to clients and trade partners, fostering a collective effort towards sustainability.

Target: We aim to have at least 3 carbon reduction educational sessions annually by FY26.

Emissions reduction actions

- **9-Day-Fortnight Initiatives:**

Through the implementation of our 9-Day-Fortnight Initiatives, initiated in August 2022, we achieved a commendable 14% reduction in energy consumption.

- **Environmental Policy and Employee Communication**

In the financial year 2023, NBRS continued its commitment to environmental sustainability by implementing the Environmental Management System aligned with ISO 14001 standards and Climate Active certifications. The policy aimed to minimise environmental impact across architectural, landscape, heritage, and interior design disciplines. The following summarises key aspects of our environmental approach and employee communications:

Environmental Policy Implementation:

Our environmental objectives focused on compliance with ISO 14001, legal and regulatory requirements, sustainability leadership, resource efficiency, greenhouse gas reduction, sustainable procurement, circularity, climate resilience, biodiversity protection, environmental sustainable design and construction, inclusive design, stakeholder engagement, and continuous improvement.

Employee Communication and Training:

Communications were directed at new staff through compulsory induction, ensuring the dissemination of our sustainability action plan. We organised knowledge sessions on policy and formal CPD sessions on low-carbon and sustainable design. Additionally, we presented sustainability designs to universities and hosted both in-person and virtual events on sustainability. We provided regular training and development opportunities to employees and stakeholders to enhance their knowledge and skills in environmental management.

5. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

		Emissions since base year	
		Total tCO ₂ -e (without uplift)	Total tCO ₂ -e (with uplift)
Base year:	2021-22	514.80	520.0
Year 1:	2022-23	513.41	518.41

Significant changes in emissions

Emission source name	Previous year emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	Current year emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	Detailed reason for change
Electricity (location-based method)	232.361	199.985	NBRS has moved to a 9-day fortnight initiative
Computer and Technical Services	71.596	82.449	We utilised the Revit BIM tool for new disciplines, including landscape architecture and interior design teams.

Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products and services

Certified brand name	Product or Service used
Qantas	Fly Carbon Neutral

Organisation emissions summary

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

Emission category	Sum of Scope 1 (t CO ₂ -e)	Sum of Scope 2 (t CO ₂ -e)	Sum of Scope 3 (t CO ₂ -e)	Sum of Total Emissions (t CO ₂ -e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	8.33	8.33
Working from Home	0.00	0.00	7.61	7.61
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	6.77	6.77
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	199.99	16.55	216.53
Food	0.00	0.00	17.54	17.54
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	97.36	97.36
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.47
Professional services	0.00	0.00	48.03	48.03
Transport (air)	0.00	0.00	28.90	28.90
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	47.16	47.16
Waste	0.00	0.00	5.69	5.69
Water	0.00	0.00	3.95	3.95
Working from home	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	25.06	25.06
Total	0.00	199.99	313.42	513.41

Uplift factors

An uplift factor is an upwards adjustment to the total carbon inventory to account for relevant emissions, which can't be reasonably quantified or estimated. This conservative accounting approach helps ensure the integrity of the carbon neutral claim.

Reason for uplift factor	t CO ₂ -e
Uplift for non-quantified food and refrigerant GHG emissions to minimise the risk of shortfall	5.0
Total of all uplift factors	5.0
Total footprint to offset <i>(total net emissions from summary table + total uplifts)</i>	518.41

6. CARBON OFFSETS

Offsets retirement approach

This certification has taken an arrears offsetting approach. The total emission to offset is 518.41 t CO₂-e. The total number of eligible offsets used in this report is 519. Of the total eligible offsets used, 20 were previously banked and 499 were newly purchased and retired. 0 are remaining and have been banked for future use.

Co-benefits

Paroo River South Environmental Project

Changes to agricultural processes on the Yerrel and Humbern Station are promoting the regrowth of the native forest while protecting local wetlands and river systems. This is significant since the wetlands are rare and provide vital habitats for a variety of plants and animals. This project establishes permanent native forests through assisted regeneration from in-situ seed sources (including rootstock and lignotubers) on land that was cleared of vegetation and where regrowth was suppressed for at least 10 years prior to the project commenced. Overall, human-induced regeneration continues to positively impact the environment while supporting sustainable land use in the area.

Lynwood Human-Induced Regeneration Project

The Lynwood Human-Induced Regeneration Project regenerates woodlands and shrublands by controlled grazing and feral animal management across the project area, along with fencing upgrades. Located northwest of Cobar in NSW in the Cobar Penneplain bioregion, the land consists of rocky ridges and undulating sandy plains. The project aims to protect the dominant species observed on the property, including *Dodonea Viscosa*, *Eremophila Sturtii*, *Eremophila Mitchelli* and *Eucalyptus Populea*.

Jawoyn Fire Project

The Jawoyn fire project is carried out on traditional Jawoyn land, now held as Aboriginal Land Trust. The project involves strategic and planned burning of savanna areas in the high rainfall zone during the early dry season to reduce the risk of late dry season wildfires. The reduction in late dry season wildfires helps protect significant fire-sensitive ecosystems and the many threatened species in the region. The project has resulted in important birds, mammals and reptiles returning to Country, and the employment of old and young people, facilitating reconnection with cultural values and protection of important cultural sites.

Darling River Conservation Initiative Site #8

The Everdale Human-Induced Regeneration carbon project aims to restore and rejuvenate over 5,000 hectares of acacia woodland and eucalypt forest in the Western Division of New South Wales. These ecosystems are home to various species, including iconic Australian species, and provide important ecosystem services such as biodiversity, carbon capture, and soil and water conservation. To achieve this goal, the project uses assisted regeneration, which involves establishing permanent native forests by encouraging the growth of in-situ seed sources such as rootstock and lignotubers. This process is designed to promote the natural regrowth of the ecosystem while also providing the necessary support and resources to ensure the success of the regeneration process.

Eligible offsets retirement summary

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	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 (%)
Lynwood Human-Induced Regeneration Project (ERF101280)	ACCU	ANREU	24 October 2023	8,356,141,324 - 8,356,141,423	2022-23	-	100	0	0	100	19%
Jawoyn Fire 2 Project (EOP102021)	ACCU	ANREU	24 October 2023	3,330,568,600 - 3,330,568,898	2021-22	-	299	0	0	299	58%
Paroo River South Environmental Project (ERF104559)	ACCU	ANREU	24 October 2023	8,328,773,973 - 8,328,774,072	2020-21	-	100	0	0	100	19%
Darling River Conservation Initiative Site #8 (ERF132648)	ACCU	ANREU	02 March 2023	8,355,227,875 - 8,355,228,090	2022-23	-	216	196	0	20	4%
Total offsets retired this report and used in this report										519	
Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports									0		
Type of offset units		Quantity (used for this reporting period claim)				Percentage of total					
Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU)		519				100%					

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

The following RECs have been surrendered to reduce electricity emissions under the market-based reporting method.

1. Large-scale Generation certificates (LGCs)*	N/A
2. Other RECs	N/A

* LGCs in this table only include those surrendered voluntarily (including through PPA arrangements) and does not include those surrendered in relation to the LRET, GreenPower, and jurisdictional renewables.

Project supported by LGC purchase	Eligible units	Registry	Surrender date	Accreditation code (LGCs)	Certificate serial number	Generation year	Quantity (MWh)	Fuel source	Location
N/A									
Total LGCs surrendered this report and used in this report									

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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Transaction Details

Transaction details appear below.

Transaction ID	AU30342
Current Status	Completed (4)
Status Date	24/10/2023 16:33:52 (AEDT) 24/10/2023 05:33:52 (GMT)
Transaction Type	Cancellation (4)
Transaction Initiator	Gomez Pimpolo Mejia, Daniela
Transaction Approver	Zhou, Tom Yi Shang
Comment	For the Climate Active Certification and supporting social and environmental co-benefits in Australia, on behalf of NBRS & Partners Pty Ltd trading as NBRS

Transferring Account

Account Number	AU-2977
Account Name	South Pole Australia Financial Services Pty Ltd
Account Holder	South Pole Australia Financial Services 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			ERF101280					2022-23		8,356,141,324 - 8,356,141,423	100
AU	KACCU	Voluntary ACCU Cancellation			ERF104559					2020-21		8,328,773,973 - 8,328,774,072	100
AU	KACCU	Voluntary ACCU Cancellation			ERF102021					2021-22		8,330,568,600 - 8,330,568,898	299



APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

There are two international best-practice methods for calculating electricity emissions – the location-based method and the market-based method. Reporting electricity emissions under both methods is called dual reporting.

Dual reporting of electricity emissions is useful, as it provides different perspectives of the emissions associated with a business's electricity usage.

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.

For this certification, electricity emissions have been set by using the location-based approach.

Market-based approach summary			
Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO 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)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	0	0	0%
Climate Active precinct/building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCS surrendered)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Electricity products jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	50,721	0	0%
Residual Electricity	237,229	226,554	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	50,721	0	18%
Total grid electricity	287,950	226,554	18%
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	287,950	0	0%
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	237,229	226,554	
Scope 2	209,501	200,073	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	27,728	26,480	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	0	0	
Scope 3	0	0	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	17.61%
Mandatory	17.61%
Voluntary	0.00%
Behind the meter	0.00%
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO₂-e)	200.07
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO₂-e)	26.48
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	184.76
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	24.45
Total emissions liability (t CO₂-e)	209.21

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

Location-based approach summary						
Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control	100%	(kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	243,274	243,274	177,590	14,596	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	43,476	43,476	36,954	3,043	0	0
QLD	1,200	1,200	876	180	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	287,950	287,950	215,420	17,820	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0		
NSW	0	0	0	0		
SA	0	0	0	0		
VIC	0	0	0	0		
QLD	0	0	0	0		
NT	0	0	0	0		
WA	0	0	0	0		
TAS	0	0	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	0	0	0	0		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	287,950					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	215.42
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	17.82
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	199.99
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	16.55
Total emissions liability	216.53

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO ₂ -e)
AGL Carbon Neutral Contribution	18,159	0
<i>Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their electricity product certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the electricity product under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market based summary table.</i>		

APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Non-quantified emission sources

The following sources emissions have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. They have been non-quantified due to one of the following reasons:

1. **Immaterial** <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively
2. **Cost effective** Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.
3. **Data unavailable** Data is unavailable, but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.
4. **Maintenance** Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified.

Relevant non-quantified emission sources	Justification reason
Refrigerants	Cost effective but uplift applied

Data management plan for non-quantified sources

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

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 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.

Excluded emissions sources summary

Emission sources tested for relevance	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
N/A						



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