

# PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

KING & WOOD MALLESONS

PRODUCT/SERVICE CERTIFICATION FY2022-23 (TRUE UP)

#### Australian Government

# Climate Active Public Disclosure Statement







NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	V Ajuja & Others trading as King & Wood Mallesons
REPORTING PERIOD	1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023 [True-up]
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.
	Susan Kitchener Climate Change & Environment Lead 26 October 2023



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# 1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	767 tCO <sub>2</sub> -e (via organisation certification)
THE OFFSETS USED	100% ACCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	0% Tenancy 87% Base building
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: King & Wood Mallesons
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Next technical assessment due: FY 2025

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# 2. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

#### **Description of certification**

The certification covers the period FY23 (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023), with emissions projected using actual data for FY22 (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022), and is a true up of emissions projected using actual data for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. From FY24 all certifications will be in arrears rather than in advance, therefore no further true ups will be required.

The emissions inventory in this public disclosure summary therefore covers the actual emissions from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, and has been developed in accordance with the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standards for both Organisations and Products & Services. As our firm only delivers legal services, the emissions footprint of both our organisation and the services we provide are 100% analogous, and has been offset via our organisation (parent) certification.

The certification covers the services provided by King & Wood Mallesons Australia, comprising the Australian partnership of King & Wood Mallesons (ABN 22 041 424 954) and its associated entity Dabserv Pty Ltd (ACN 008 551 993).

KWM's Australian business is conducted primarily through these two "entities":

- the Australian Partnership: provides our legal services to our clients; and
- Dabserv Pty Limited: provides various support services (such as premises, finance, technology, travel, people & development and business development services) to the Australian partnership

collectively called "KWM Australia". Each entity has its own employees and suppliers. For convenience, any reference to KWM Australia refers collectively to both entities unless otherwise specified.

#### Service description

KWM Australia is a full-service commercial law firm delivering a range of transactional and disputes based legal services and capability. We have market leading legal expertise in climate and ESG, cross-border mergers and acquisitions; private equity; public M&A; employment; intellectual property; competition; international funds; commercial litigation; international arbitration; projects, energy and resources; real estate; construction; environment; tax; banking and finance; and restructuring and insolvency.

Our core business function involves the delivery of specialist professional legal services to our clients.

We advise and support our clients, both domestically and internationally on complex Australian law matters across a range of sectors. KWM Australia is part of King & Wood Mallesons, a global law firm headquartered in Asia, with offices in 30 locations around the world. Legal services are provided independently by each of the separate King & Wood Mallesons member firms.

The functional unit for services included in this certification is billable hours and emissions are expressed as tCO<sub>2</sub>-e/billable hour. Due to commercial sensitivity, the metric of billable hours will not be publicly disclosed. The certification is for full coverage of all services rendered by the firm (i.e. not "opt-in") and covers cradle-to-grave emissions.

While KWM Australia's operations are predominantly based in Australia, as a member of the King & Wood



Mallesons global network, KWM Australia has relationships with other members of that network that have operations outside Australia, as part of the pursuit of a common global strategy. The members of the network trade under a common name to provide seamless multi-jurisdictional legal services to the world's leading commercial and other entities, however emissions generated by any members of the network outside of Australia are not included in this certification. While our relationship with members within the King & Wood Mallesons global network is very important to KWM Australia and our clients, we do not control the foreign business operations of these independent member firms of King & Wood Mallesons.

The boundary for this inventory includes services performed at the following locations:

Sydney office 1 Farrer PI

Melbourne office 447 Collins St

Brisbane office Waterfront Place

Perth office QV1

Canberra Office Constitution Place

as well as emissions created as a result of staff working from home.



## 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 'attributable processes' of a product or service. These attributable processes are services, materials and energy flows that become the product or service, make the product or service and carry the product or service through its life cycle. These attributable emissions have been quantified in the carbon inventory.

**Non-quantified** emissions have been assessed as attributable 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**

**Non-attributable** emissions have been assessed as not attributable to a product or service. They can be **optionally included** in the emissions boundary and therefore have been offset, or they can be listed as outside of the emissions boundary (and are therefore not part of the carbon neutral claim). Further detail is available at Appendix D.



# Quantified Stationary energy and fuels Electricity

Accommodation

Carbon neutral products and services

Cleaning and chemicals

Food

ICT services and equipment

Professional services

Office equipment and supplies

Postage, courier and freight

Refrigerants

Transport (air)

Transport (land and sea)

Waste

Water

Working from home

**Products** 

Machinery and vehicles

Working from home

#### Non-quantified

Nil

#### **Optionally included**

Nil

# Outside emission boundary

#### Non-attributable

Nil



#### Product/service process diagram

### **Excluded emission** sources N/a **Utility supply** Electricity (T&D losses) Natural Gas Upstream Water supply emissions **KWM** operations Postage, courier and freight Accommodation and facilities **Products** Air Transport Cleaning and Chemicals **Professional Services** Electricity use Refrigerants Service delivery Food Stationary Energy ICT services and equipment Water use Working from home Land and Sea Transport Machinery and vehicles Office equipment & supplies End of life Waste Downstream emissions



# **4.EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS**

#### **Emissions reduction strategy**

KWM's board-approved Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy makes the following commitments to emissions reductions:

- Use 100% renewable electricity in all our Australian tenancies from January 2024, representing a reduction of around 30% of KWM's footprint based on FY19 (base year) levels, and a 100% reduction of scope 2 emissions. (Contracts signed for purchase of GreenPower)
- Set science-based targets by December 2023 and reach net zero emissions by 2050
  - KWM has signed the SBTi commitment letter and confirmation of this can be found by visiting the SBTi website, scrolling down to the Target Dashboard and searching for "Mallesons"
  - In line with SBTi requirements our net zero target requires elimination of all abatable
    emissions with no more than 10% of "hard to abate" emissions being offset via a carbon
    sink
  - Our interim target has not yet been set but will represent at least a 50% reduction across all scopes from FY19 levels by 2030
  - KWM's next PDS (for our FY24 certification) will contain further details of these targets and strategy for their achievement.

KWM's Environmental Management System contains a number of shorter-term time-bound objectives and targets focussed on reducing emissions including the below, which are all slated for completion by FY24 and will reduce the firm's scope 3 emissions:

- Update to travel policy (including flights and accommodation) to reduce quantity and carbon intensity of flights and capitalize on the reduction in travel necessitated by Covid
- Business travel behaviour change campaign
- Implementation of a sustainable procurement policy, which will include minimum energy ratings for purchases and preferencing of suppliers who are addressing their own emissions
- Print minimisation initiative including physical removal of some MFPs (complete) and a behaviour change campaign to reduce the need to print

#### **Emissions reduction actions**

- We again offered our people the opportunity to reduce their emissions at home with subsidised renewable energy. via Iberdrola's "Green the Team" scheme. 48 team members signed up for a total of 186MWh of clean energy.
- The hospitality team has further "Ditched the Disposable" with 99% of all single use items now replaced by re-usable alternatives.
- We have installed Purezza water systems in all centres and no longer use or sell bottled water.
- Stationery re-use and recycling was made available in all centres; staff can drop re-usable items in caddies and drop off any items that are beyond re-use in recycling boxes.
- Organics recycling is now available and underdesk bins have been removed in favour of centralised waste collection in all tenancies.



# 5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

#### **Emissions over time**

Emissions since base year							
		Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e	Percentage change in the emissions intensity of the functional unit				
Base year:	2018-19	19,826					
Year 1:	2022-23	9,857	-55%				

#### Significant changes in emissions

N/A – this is the first year of certification of services. The below relates to change in organisational emissions.

Employee commute emissions decreased due to a more accurate calculation provided via a staff survey, rather than relying on ABS data to estimate.

Emission source name	Previous year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Current year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Detailed reason for change
Long business class flights (>3,700km)	417	1,603	Return to flying post-Covid and
Short economy class flights (>400km, ≤3,700km)	233	1,043	increase due to pent up demand

#### **Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products and services**

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
Telstra	Mobile phone plans
Australia Post	Local and overseas parcels
Four Pillars	Alcohol (not deducted from inventory as not possible to isolate total)
Pangolin Associates	Consulting services
Opal Australian Paper	Paper
QV1 Perth	Building
477 Collins St, Melbourne	Building



## **Emissions summary**

The previous report was a projection report using representative data to estimate the emissions for the reporting year. This table shows the differences between the projected emissions and the actual emissions recorded.

Emission source	Projected emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Sum of scope 1 (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Sum of scope 2 (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Sum of scope 3 (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Sum of total emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
Accommodation and facilities	90.75	0.00	0.00	275.19	275.19
Cleaning and chemicals Climate Active carbon neutral products	119.38	0.00	0.00	126.68	126.68
and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	1,538.24	0.00	1404.32	382.67	1786.99
Food	946.51	0.00	0.00	1084.26	1084.26
ICT services and equipment	1,725.26	0.00	0.00	850.99	850.99
Machinery and vehicles	2.15	0.00	0.00	3.21	3.21
Office equipment and supplies	331.86	0.00	0.00	687.89	687.89
Postage, courier and freight	193.24	0.00	0.00	69.36	69.36
Products	1.33	0.00	0.00	2.49	2.49
Professional services	277.83	0.00	0.00	561.34	561.34
Refrigerants	22.55	21.53	0.00	0.00	21.53
Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)	217.89	21.77	0.00	42.82	64.59
Transport (air)	784.00	0.00	0.00	3293.97	3293.97
Transport (land and sea)	1,967.77	0.00	0.00	687.97	687.97
Waste	30.38	0.00	0.00	54.05	54.05
Water	4.89	0.00	0.00	14.80	14.80
Working from home	-844.08	0.00	0.00	270.90	270.90
Total emissions	9089.95	43.30	1404.32	8408.59	9856.21
Difference between projected and actual emissions	Pi	rojected mi	nus actual :	= 767 tCO <sub>2</sub> -	e



# **Uplift factors**

N/A.

Emissions intensity per functional unit	Not to be disclosed
Number of functional units to be offset	Not to be disclosed
Total emissions to be offset	9856.2



# 6.CARBON OFFSETS

#### Offsets retirement approach

The details of offsets relating to this certification are the same as those found in the King & Wood Mallesons Organisation PDS, found here. <a href="https://www.climateactive.org.au/buy-climate-active/certified-members/king-wood-mallesons-australia">https://www.climateactive.org.au/buy-climate-active/certified-members/king-wood-mallesons-australia</a> .



# 7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Summary

N/A.



# APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **ACCU** retirement confirmation

AU30523

 Current Status
 Completed (4)

 Status Date
 03/11/2023 13.11.29 (AEDT) 03/11/2023 02.11.29 (GMT)

 Transaction Type
 Cancellation (4)

Transaction Initiator Hever, Samantha
Transaction Approver Clear, Geoffrey

ACCUS retired on behalf of King & Wood Mallesons Australia to support its carbon neutral Organisation and Service claims against the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for FY2023

Transferring Account Acquiring Account

 Account
 AU-3048
 Account
 AU-1088

 Number
 Number

Transaction Blocks

Transaction ID

Party	Type	Transaction Type	Original CP	CP	ERF Project ID	NGER Facility ID	NGER Facility Name	Safeguard	#	<u>Vintage</u>	Date Date	Serial Range	Quantity
AU	KACCU	Voluntary ACCU Cancellation			ERF102021					2021-22		8,330,519,066 - 8,330,519,832	767

| Status Date | Status (PLOS) | Status (PLOS)



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3 November 2023 VC202324-00341

To whom it may concern,

#### Voluntary cancellation of units in ANREU

This letter is confirmation of the voluntary cancellation of units in the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units (ANREU) by ANREU account holder, VIRIDIOS CAPITAL PTY LTD (account number AU-3048).

The details of the cancellation are as follows:

Date of transaction	3 November 2023
Transaction ID	AU30523
Type of units	KACCU
Total Number of units	767
Serial number range	8,330,519,066 - 8,330,519,832
ERF Project	Jawoyn Fire 2 - ERF102021
Vintage	2021-22
Transaction comment	ACCUS retired on behalf of King & Wood Mallesons Australia to support its carbon neutral Organisation and Service claims against the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for FY2023

Details of all voluntary cancellations in the ANREU are published on the Clean Energy Regulator's website, <a href="http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/OSR/ANREU/Data-and-information">http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/OSR/ANREU/Data-and-information</a>.

If you require additional information about the above transaction, please email <u>CER-RegistryContact@cer.gov.au</u>

Yours sincerely,

David O'Toole ANREU and International

NGER and Safeguard Branch Scheme Operations Division

Clean Energy Regulator

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# APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

N/A

# APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

#### Non-quantified emission sources

There are no non-quantified sources in the emission boundary.

#### **Excluded emission sources**

There are no excluded sources in the emission boundary.

#### 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 EMISSION BOUNDARY

Non-attributable emissions have been assessed as not attributable to a product or service (do not carry, make or become the product/service) and are therefore not part of the carbon neutral claim. To be deemed attributable, an emission must meet two of the five relevance criteria. Emissions which only meet one condition of the relevance test can be assessed as non-attributable and therefore are outside the carbon neutral claim. Non-attributable emissions are detailed below.

- 1. <u>Size</u> The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to other attributable emissions.
- Influence The responsible entity could influence emissions reduction from a particular source.
- 3. **Risk** The emissions from a particular source contribute to the responsible entity's greenhouse gas risk exposure.
- 4. Stakeholders The emissions from a particular source are deemed relevant by key stakeholders.
- Outsourcing The emissions are from outsourced activities that were previously undertaken by the
  responsible entity or from outsourced activities that are typically undertaken within the boundary for
  comparable products or services.

#### Non-attributable emissions sources summary

These are the only emissions sources present within the operations of KWM, which has no upstream or downstream transportation and distribution, sold products, franchises or investments.

Emission sources tested for relevance	(1) Size	(2) Influence	(3) Risk	(4) Stakeholders	(5) Outsourcing	Included in boundary?
Purchased goods and services	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Capital goods	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Fuel and energy related activities	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Waste generated in operations	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Business travel	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Employee commuting	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Upstream leased assets	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes





