

# PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

THE APP GROUP

ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION CY2023

Australian Government

### Climate Active Public Disclosure Statement





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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	APP Corporation Pty Limited (trading as The APP Group)
REPORTING PERIOD	Calendar year 1 January 2023– 31 December 2023 Arrears report
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.
	Vanessa De Bono Chief Financial Officer & Director 13 September 2024



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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

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### 1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	2,950.34 tCO <sub>2</sub> -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	14.13% ACCUs, 85.87% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	N/A
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Rennie Advisory
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	N/A Next technical assessment due: CY24

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### 2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

#### Description of organisation certification

This organisation certification is for the business operations of APP Corporation Pty Limited (trading as The APP Group), ABN 29 003 764 770, including the subsidiaries listed in the table below.

This Public Disclosure Statement includes information for CY2023 reporting period.

#### **Organisation description**

The certification is for APP Corporation Pty Ltd's Australian business operations (The APP Group), ABN 29 003 764 770. The APP Group is one of Australia's most respected property and infrastructure consultancies, with over 30 years' experience. Operating an integrated service offering, The APP Group supports clients across the full asset capital investment lifecycle and multiple market sectors. Its consultancy advisory services cover the following:

- Project Management
- Strategic Advisory
- Asset Management and Optimisation
- Assurance, Compliance & Certification
- Commercial Management
- Property Management and Real Estate Services

The following subsidiaries are also included within this certification, taking an operational control approach:

Legal entity name	ACN
Australian Quality Assurance and Superintendence Pty Ltd	050 539 010
Appoint Consulting Pty Ltd	003 999 031
CI Australia Pty Ltd	003 053 183
Infrastructure Nation Pty Ltd	612 655 642
St. George Project Services	122 493 798
Valorem Advisory	125 899 121

The APP Group operates in several locations across Australia, including Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Newcastle, Perth, Wollongong, Hobart, and Kirwan.



### **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 and facilities

**Base Building** 

Cleaning and chemicals

Construction materials and services

Electricity

Food

ICT services and equipment

Machinery and vehicles

Postage, courier and freight

Products

**Professional Services** 

Transport (air)

Transport (land and sea)

Waste

Water

Working from home

Office equipment and supplies

#### Non-quantified

There are no relevant nonquantified emissions.

### Outside emission boundary

#### **Excluded**

No relevant emission sources have been excluded.



### **4.EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS**

#### **Emissions reduction strategy**

The APP Group is currently experiencing significant sustained growth and expanding operations within the property and infrastructure advisory space. Despite this growth, The APP Group is committed to improving overall efficiency in carbon usage and plans to reduce its organisational emissions per capita by 15% by 2027 against the CY2021 baseline.

Our emissions reductions strategy focuses on the following steps:

- Scope 1: Transition the Group fleet to more fuel-efficient vehicles (Hybrid, where vehicles require mine-specific add-ons, or Electric as suitable), pending feasibility analysis. This has the potential to reduce our organisation's emissions by up to 2%.
- Scope 2: Invest in renewable energy projects equivalent to our electricity consumption for all office spaces. This has the potential to reduce our organisation's emissions by 15%.
- Scope 3: Relocation of office spaces to buildings with a minimum 4.5-star NABERS Energy rating. Where feasible, this strategy will be expanded to consider whole building NABERS ratings. This has the potential to reduce our organisation's emissions by at least 3%.

Progress is tracked during our annual carbon footprint assessment and progressively throughout the year as changes are implemented. This Emissions Reduction Strategy takes the form of our organisational Environmental Objectives and are reported on annually.

#### **Emissions reduction actions**

In CY23, The APP Group:

- Scope 1: Transitioned a diesel fleet vehicle to a PHEV, beginning our fleet transition component
- Scope 2: Started identifying opportunities for investment in renewable energy projects equivalent to our electricity consumption for all office spaces.
- Scope 3: Relocated the Perth office and North Sydney offices to higher NABERS rated buildings.



### 5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

#### Emissions over time

Emissions since base year								
Total tCO2-eTotal tCO2-e(without uplift)(with uplift)								
Base year:	2021	2,211.38	2,617.00					
Year 1:	2022	2,141.96	N/A					
Year 2:	2023	2,915.96	2,950.34					

### Significant changes in emissions

Significant changes in emissions									
Emission source	Previous year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Current year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Reason for change						
Accommodation	24.20	195.20	Significant changes in the account triggering explanation included:						
Base building	476.45	426.28	Base building energy: This						
Cleaning and Chemicals	0	0.02	decreased due to the emissions reduction strategy of moving						
Construction materials and services	0	4.98	offices to buildings with better NABERS ratings (Perth and						
Electricity	214.81	222.14	North Sydney), and the closure of the Valorem Sydney office.						
Food	11.80	10.32	Diesel oil post-2004: This						
ICT services and equipment	185.07	256.18	<ul> <li>increased due to increased operational travel captured by</li> </ul>						
Machinery and vehicles	0	84.89	subsidiaries as part of business growth.						
Office equipment and supplies	15.79	50.43	Other notable changes included:						
Postage, courier and freight	1.41	7.05	<ul> <li>Accommodation and business travel (air), which was due to</li> </ul>						
Products	0	6.57	business growth, rebounding travel patterns after COVID-19						
Professional services	519.87	519.88	and investment into new markets (including internationally).						
Transport (air)	52.14	333.45	The remainder of emissions						
Transport (land and sea)	467.80	619.49	changes are due to harmonisation of reporting across						
Waste	34.46	25.92	subsidiaries, (resulting in some recategorization of emissions)						
Water	4.97	7.00	and organic business growth						
Working from home	145.54	146.17	Some minor emissions sources were included for the first time.						



## Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products, services, buildings or precincts

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
N/A	

#### **Emissions summary**

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

Emission category	Scope 1 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 2 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 3 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Total emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	195.20	195.20
Base Building (bespoke)	0.00	0.00	426.28	426.28
Cleaning and Chemicals	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02
Construction Materials and Services	0.00	0.00	4.98	4.98
Electricity	0.00	204.91	17.23	222.14
Food	0.00	0.00	10.32	10.32
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	256.18	256.18
Machinery and vehicles	0.00	0.00	84.89	84.89
Office equipment & supplies	0.00	0.00	50.43	50.43
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	7.05	7.05
Products	0.00	0.00	6.57	6.57
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	519.88	519.88
Transport (Air)	0.00	0.00	333.45	333.45
Transport (Land and Sea)	296.57	0.00	322.92	619.49
Waste	0.00	0.00	25.92	25.92
Water	0.00	0.00	7.00	7.00
Working from home	0.00	0.00	146.17	146.17
Total emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	296.57	204.91	2,414.47	2,915.96



### **Uplift factors**

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

Reason for uplift factor	tCO <sub>2</sub> -e
Uplift to account for subsidiary flight spend that was not able to be categorised by distance or class flown.	34.38
Total of all uplift factors (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	34.38
Total emissions footprint to offset (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e) (total emissions from summary table + total of all uplift factors)	2,950.34



### 6.CARBON OFFSETS

#### Eligible offsets retirement summary

Offsets retired for Climate Active certification

Type of offset units	Eligible quantity (used for this reporting period)	Percentage of total
Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs)	417	14.13%
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	2,534	85.87%



Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Stapled quantity	Eligible quantity retired (tCO <sub>2</sub> -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 (%)
Installation of high efficiency wood burning cookstoves in Malawi	VCU	Verra	30 May 2024	<u>13766-526075809-</u> <u>526076934-VCS-VCU-</u> <u>1289-VER-MW-3-2342-</u> <u>16042021-15102021-0</u>	2021		1,126	0	0	1,126	38.16%
Ghani Solar Renewable Power Project by Greenko Group	VCU	Verra	30 May 2024	<u>10384-209207248-</u> 209208655-VCS-VCU- <u>997-VER-IN-1-1792-</u> 01012020-31122020-0	2020		1,408	0	0	1,408	47.71%
Oriners & Sefton Savanna Burning – Kowanyama	ACCU	ANREU	30 May 2024	8,370,683,965 – 8,370,684,246	2022-23		282	0	0	282	9.56%
Oriners & Sefton Savanna Burning– Kowanyama	ACCU	ANREU	31 May 2024	8 <u>,370,684,247 –</u> <u>8,370,684,248</u>	2022-23		2	0	0	2	0.06%
Oriners & Sefton Savanna Burning– Kowanyama*	ACCU	ANREU	30 July 2023	8,370,682,712 – 8,370,682,939	2022-23		228	95	0	133	4.51%
	Total eligible offsets retired and used									2,951	
	Total eligible offsets retired this report and banked for use in future reports										



#### **Co-benefits**

The Oriners & Sefton Savanna Burning 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 main purpose of the Ghani Solar Renewables Project activity is to generate a clean form of electricity through renewable solar energy sources. The project involves installing a 500MW solar power project in Andhra Pradesh state of India. Over the 10 years of the first crediting period, the project will replace anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases estimated to be approximately 887,800 tCO<sub>2</sub>-e per year, thereon displacing 919,800 MWh/year of electricity from the generation-mix of power plants connected to the Indian grid, which is mainly dominated by thermal/fossil fuel-based power plant.

The installation of high efficiency wood burning cookstoves in Malawi, which reduces the amount of nonrenewable biomass used for cooking. Through reduction in non-renewable biomass consumption, the programme will decrease greenhouse gas emissions.



### 7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

#### Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

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

1. Large-scale Generation certificates (LGCs)\*

\* 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.

N/A

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



### APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This certification has taken an in-arrears offsetting approach. The total emission to offset is 2,950.34 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. Within this total, 1,050 tonnes are specifically attributed to the service certification. This distinction ensures a clear understanding of the emissions related to different aspects of our operations. The total number of eligible offsets used in this report is 2,951. Of the total eligible offsets used, 133 were previously banked (see Oriners & Sefton Savanna Burning– Kowanyama retired 30 July 2023\*) and 2,818 were newly purchased and retired.

Installation of high effici	iency wood burning cookstoves in Malawi
	VERRA
	Verified Carbon Standard
	Certificate of Verified Carbon Unit (VCU) Retirement
	Verra, in its capacity as administrator of the Verra Registry, does hereby certify that on 30 May 2024, 1,126 Verified Carbon Units (VCUs) were retired on behalf of:
	APP CORPORATION PTY LIMITED
	ect Name Installation of high efficiency wood burning cookstoves in Malawi
	J Serial Number 3766-526075809-526076934-VCS-VCU-1289-VER-MW-3-2342-16042021-15102021-0
Addi	itional Certifications
	Powered by MPX
Ghani Solar Renewable	Power Project by Greenko Group
	VERRA
	Verified Carbon Standard
	Certificate of Verified Carbon Unit (VCU) Retirement
	Verra, in its capacity as administrator of the Verra Registry, does hereby certify that on 30 May 2024, 1,408 Verfled Carbon Units (VCUs) were retired on behalf of:
	APP CORPORATION PTY LIMITED
	Project Name Ghani Solar Renewable Power Project by Greenko Group
	VCU Serial Number 10384-209207248-209208655-VCS-VCU-997-VER-IN-1-1792-01012020-31122020-0
	Additional Certifications
	Powered by APX



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Transaction Initiator	Diskinson, Jules
Transaction Approver	Dickinson, Guy Jules
Comment	Refired on behalf of The APP Group for its Climate Active carbon neutral certification for CY23
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Account AU-3052 Number	Account AU-1088 Number
Account Name BETACARBON PTY I	
Account Holder BETAGARBON PTY L	
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Transaction Approver	Dickinson, Guy Jules
Comment	Retired on behalf of The APP Group for its Climate Active carbon neutral certification for CY23
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### 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	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -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%
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Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	4,869	0	2%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	1,245	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	56,016	0	19%
Residual Electricity	239,880	218,291	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	62.130	0	21%
Total grid electricity	302,010	218,291	21%
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	302,010	218,291	21%
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	239,880	218,291	
Scope 2	213,520	194,303	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	26,360	23,988	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	0	0	
	0	0	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	20.57%
Mandatory	18.96%
Voluntary	1.61%
Behind the meter	0.00%
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	194.30
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	23.99
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t $CO_2$ -e)	194.30
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t $CO_2$ -e)	23.99
Total emissions liability (t CO₂-e)	218.29
Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%	



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 (kg CO2- e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO2- e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)
ACT	6,568	6,568	4,466	328	0	0
NSW	223,560	223,560	152,021	11,178	0	0
SA	4,455	4,455	1,114	356	0	0
VIC	32,722	32,722	25,850	2,291	0	0
QLD	15,318	15,318	11,182	2,298	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	19,387	19,387	10,275	775	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	302,010	302,010	204,908	17,227	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)	302,010					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	204.91
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	17.23
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	204.91
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	17.23
Total emissions liability	222.13

#### Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts

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Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts	Electricity consumed in	Emissions
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	building/precinct (kWh)	
N/A	0	0
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#### Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO₂-e)
N/A	0	0
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### APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

#### Non-quantified emission sources

The following emissions sources 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 <u>one</u> 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
N/A	N/A

#### 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 this organisation'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. <u>Size</u> The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.
- Influence The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.
- 3. <u>**Risk**</u> 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.
- <u>Outsourcing</u> 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	N/A					







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