PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

DONOR REPUBLIC PTY LTD

ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION

CY2023

Australian Government

Climate Active
Public Disclosure Statement

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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Donor Republic Pty Ltd
REPORTING PERIOD	1st January 2023 – 31st 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.*
	Andrew Sabatino Director 6th September 2024

Australian Government
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

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1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	123 tCO_2-e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	100% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	70.96%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Pangolin Associates
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Date: 28/06/2022 Organisation: Pangolin Associates Pty Ltd Next technical assessment due: CY2024

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2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Description of organisation certification

This Certification will cover Donor Republic Pty Ltd (ABN 33 612 007 931) as an organisation including its offices, employees, and operations for the period of 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023.

The operational boundary has been defined based on an operational control test, in accordance with the principles of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007. This includes the following locations and facilities:

- 106/3 Gladstone Street, Newton NSW
- 1/92-94 King William Road, Goodwood SA

The methods used for collating data, performing calculations and presenting the carbon account are in accordance with the following standards:

- Climate Active Standards
- The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition)
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008.

Where possible, the calculation methodologies and emission factors used in this inventory are derived from the National Greenhouse Accounts (NGA) Factors in accordance with "Method 1" from the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008.

The greenhouse gases considered within the inventory are those that are commonly reported under the Kyoto Protocol; carbon dioxide (CO_2), methane (CH_4), nitrous oxide (N_2O) and synthetic gases - hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) sulphur hexafluoride (SF_6) and nitrogen trifluoride (NF_3). These have been expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents (CO_2-e) using relative global warming potentials (GWPs).

Organisation description

Donor Republic (ABN 33 612 007 931) is a proudly specialist creative agency exclusively serving charities, for-cause organisations, and the broader not-for-profit sector.

With offices in Sydney and Adelaide, and remote staff all over NSW, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia, we have grown to 58 employees in our first six years, building on our people's passion for making the world a little better every day.

Our clients include a *Who's Who?* of Australia and New Zealand's best recognized charities and not-for-profits, including Blind Low Vision NZ, Cancer Council, Greenpeace, Foodbank NSW & ACT, Multiple Sclerosis Ltd, Oxfam, Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, St Vincent de Paul, University of Sydney, Taronga Conservation Foundation, and Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF).

These and other clients call on us for innovative full-service fundraising and marketing campaigns, from strategic development through to implementation.

Donor Republic was voted "*Fundraising Supplier of the Year, 2021*"", "*Fundraising Supplier of the Year, 2022*", "*FIA Best Supporter Experience 2024*" and *"FIA Fundraiser of the Year 2024*" by the Fundraising Institute of Australia.

Our every day is committed to ensuring our clients have the funding they need to make great change in this world. Our commitment to becoming Carbon Neutral is one small, extra way we can stand with them in this ambitious pursuit.

The following subsidiaries are also included within this certification:

Legal entity name	ABN	ACN
N/A		

The following entities are excluded from this certification:

Legal entity name	ABN	ACN
N/A		

4. 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

Cleaning and chemicals

Climate Active carbon neutral products and services

Construction materials and services

Electricity

Food

ICT services and equipment

Postage, courier and freight

Professional services

Refrigerants

Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)

Transport (air)

Transport (land and sea)

Waste

Water

Working from home

Office equipment and supplies

Non-quantified

N/A

Optionally included

N/A

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

N/A

5.EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Donor Republic's initial commitment was to reduce overall emissions from the business by 20% by 2027 compared to a 2021 baseline. However, with CY2021 being a COVID year, it has become clear that the emissions and activity in 2021 were not reflective of a BAU year for Donor Republic. CY2023 is a more reflective of BAU and as such we have updated our emission reduction target. Our updated emission reduction target aims for a 10% reduction per million in revenue by 2030 compared to 2023 (from 11.2 tonnes per million to 10.08 tonnes per million in revenue). This will be achieved through the following measures:

Scope 2 emissions:

Donor Republic has reduced all tenancy electricity emissions through green power and carbon neutral power

Scope 3 emissions reduction targets

- **Scope 3 Electricity**

Donor Republic will aim to influence their base building providers for their NSW and SA offices to encourage them to switch to Greenpower. Additionally, Donor Republic will aim to reduce emissions through energy efficiency implementations in the offices (such as turning off computers at the switch at the end of each day). Donor Republic will document any progress in this space.

- **Business Flights**

Donor Republic will take business flights when necessary but will make use of the wide variety of video-communication software available: Zoom, Microsoft Teams etc. For flights Donor Republic employees will opt for a carbon offset ticket. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted almost all organisation's emissions, particularly by reducing flights and other travel related activity. It is important that Donor Republic employees are aware that these operational changes have had an impact but additionally to avoid flights where possible, with an understanding that in-person meetings are important to our clients. We will offset all flights at point of purchase.

- **IT Equipment & waste**

Donor Republic plan to reduce waste to landfill by ensuring all old IT equipment replaced will either be donated to charity or sold. This will be documented. Note: As we have recently purchased many new computers the carbon emissions for this category will increase significantly this year, though reductions will be seen in the "waste" category. In this way, Donor Republic aims to reduce their scope 3 emissions.

- **Working from home**

Donor Republic will encourage employees to consider switching to GreenPower or installing solar panels, plus educating staff on how they can minimise their at home emissions (such as not running computer monitors when not in use). Donor Republic will engage consultants to present educational sessions to engage employees on sustainable work from home behaviours. Through this, Donor Republic aims to

reduce their working from home emissions by 5% in the next 5 years, using the intensity metric of emissions per employee.

Emissions reduction actions

Donor Republic continued with carbon neutral or green power for all tenancies in 2023.

Many laptops had reached their lifetime of 5 years and needed to be replaced. The replaced laptops were then recycled by being offered to employees for personal use. We also had several new starters during this period.

Unfortunately post Covid there has been an initial heightened expectation to meet with clients personally which increased our Business Travel emissions for this period. In our area of business we present workshops for our clients at their premises. Our first year of GHG emissions calculations was during Covid where very little travel was able to be carried out.

Alongside our client workshops, it's worth noting that our Directors and Managers are regularly asked to present at Fundraising Conferences held interstate due to their experience in this sector. In addition to reducing emissions, Donor Republic has achieved notable recognition being awarded:

- FIA Best Supporter Experience 2024
- the FIA Fundraiser of the Year 2024.

Furthermore, as part of our commitment to environmental education and sustainability, we engaged Pangolin Associates in February 2023 to host a Climate Fresk Lunch and Learn session for all our employees. This initiative reflects our dedication to fostering a culture of awareness and action in the realm of climate responsibility.

6.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

Emissions since base year			
		Total tCO_2-e (without uplift)	**Total tCO_2-e** (with uplift)
Base year:	CY2021	55.86	N/A
Year 1:	CY2022	94.78	N/A
Year 2:	CY2023	122.13	N/A

Significant changes in emissions

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Significant changes in emissions			
Emission source	**Previous year emissions** (t CO_2-e)	**Current year emissions** (t CO_2-e)	**Reason for change**
Short economy class flights (>400km, ≤3,700km)	31.13	38.77	Increased travel due to COVID-bounce back
Working From Home	12.52	16.16	Number of employee increased

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

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
Electricity	Red Energy

Emissions summary

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

Emission category	Scope 1 emissions (tCO_2-e)	Scope 2 emissions (tCO_2-e)	Scope 3 emissions (tCO_2-e)	Total emissions (t CO_2-e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	10.69	10.69
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.27
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction materials and services	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.60
Electricity	0.00	0.00	4.68	4.68
Food	0.00	0.00	7.37	7.37
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	13.74	13.74
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	1.37	1.37
Professional services	0.00	0.00	13.33	13.33
Refrigerants	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.65
Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)	0.44	0.00	0.11	0.55
Transport (air)	0.00	0.00	38.77	38.77
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	11.50	11.50
Waste	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.90
Water	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.30
Working from home	0.00	0.00	16.16	16.16
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	1.24	1.24
Total emissions (tCO_2-e)	**1.09**	**0.00**	**121.04**	**122.13**

Uplift factors

Reason for uplift factor	tCO_2-e
N/A	
Total of all uplift factors (tCO_2-e)	
Total emissions footprint to offset (tCO_2-e) *(total emissions from summary table + total of all uplift factors)*	**0.00**

7.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
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	123	100%

Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Stapled quantity	Eligible quantity retired (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 (%)
Bundled Solar Power Project by Solararise India Projects PVT. LTD.	VCUs	Verra	10/06/2024	10730-245107775-245107897-VCS-VCU-997-VER-IN-1-1762-26042018-31122018-0	2018		123	0	0	123	100%
									Total eligible offsets retired and used for this report	123	
									Total eligible offsets retired this report and banked for use in future reports	0	

Co-benefits

Bundled Solar Power Project by SolarArise India Projects PVT. LTD.

The project activity involves the installation of Solar PV project. The total installed capacity of the project is 120 MW of Solar PV plant located at different states in India. The project is promoted by SolarArise India Projects Pvt. Ltd.

Co-benefits:

- Social well-being: The project would help in generating employment opportunities during the construction and operation phases. The project activity will lead to development in infrastructure in the region like development of roads and also may promote business with improved power generation.
- Economic well-being: The project is a clean technology investment in the region, which would not have been taken place in the absence of the VCS benefits the project activity will also help to reduce the demand supply gap in the state. The project activity will generate power using zero emissions Solar PV based power generation which helps to reduce GHG emissions and specific pollutants like SOx, NOx, and SPM associated with the conventional thermal power generation facilities.
- Technological well-being: The successful operation of project activity would lead to promotion of Solar based power generation and would encourage other entrepreneurs to participate in similar projects

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)*	

* 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	Project location	Eligible unit type	Registry	Surrender date	Accreditation code	Certificate serial number	Generation year	Fuel source	Quantity (MWh)
								Total LGCs surrendered this report and used in this report	

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

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 **market-based approach**.

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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)	9,208	0	52%
Electricity products (LRET)	1,746	0	10%
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)	1,612	0	9%
Residual Electricity	5,143	4,681	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	**12,566**	**0**	**71%**
Total grid electricity	**17,709**	**4,681**	**71%**
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	**17,709**	**4,681**	**71%**
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	0%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	**0**	**0**	
Scope 2	0	0	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	0	0	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	**5,143**	**4,681**	
Scope 3	5,143	4,681	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	**70.96%**
Mandatory	**18.96%**
Voluntary	**52.00%**
Behind the meter	**0.00%**
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**0.00**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**4.68**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**0.00**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**4.68**
Total emissions liability (t CO_2-e)	**4.68**

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	**48%**	**(kWh)**	**Scope 2 Emissions (kg CO2-e)**	**Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO2-e)**	**(kWh)**	**Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO2-e)**
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	14,228	6,783	4,612	339	7,445	5,435
SA	3,481	1,659	415	133	1,822	601
VIC	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	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)	**17,709**	**8,442**	**5,027**	**472**	**9,267**	**6,036**
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)	**17,709**					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**5.03**
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO_2-e)	**6.51**
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**2.60**
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO_2-e)	**3.31**
Total emissions liability	**5.91**

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts	Electricity consumed in Climate Active certified building/precinct (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO_2-e)
N/A	**0**	**0**

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their building or precinct 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 building/precinct under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO_2-e)

Red Energy	**6,467**	**0**
Red Energy	**2,741**	**0**
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.		

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 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
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.

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APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to this 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.

Excluded emissions sources summary

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

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