



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**SMARTER FREIGHT PTY LTD
TRADING AS FREIGHT PEOPLE & CARIO**

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
CY2023**

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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Smarter Freight Pty Ltd (trading as Freight People and Cario Technologies)
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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>Name of signatory: Fiona Marshall Position of signatory: Director Date: 03.09.2024</p>



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1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	241.27 tCO ₂ -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	100% CERs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	N/A
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Smarter Freight Pty Ltd
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Date: 10-September-2024 for the CY2023 report Organisation: Anthesis (Australia) Next technical assessment due: CY2026 report

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2. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

This certification covers the organizational operations of Smarter Freight Pty Ltd (ABN 44 609 951 493) and associated companies within Australia. Smarter Freight employs 30 people across Australia. This includes the following locations:

- Melbourne office – Suite 3-4, 11-15 Smeaton Ave Dandenong South VIC 3175
- Sydney office – Unit Chaplin Drive, Lane Cove West NSW

The emissions inventory in this Public Disclosure Statement has been developed in accordance with the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Organisations and Smarter Freight has used an operational control approach to determine its emissions boundary.

Organisation description

Freight People simplifies Australian logistics for our customers. Cario, is an AI enabled freight management system which provides smart solutions to Australian and Global companies.

Rather than dealing directly with multiple freight carriers and systems, we optimise costs and service, and reduce environmental impact through a single system that provides dispatch, analytics and reporting.

Operating since 1987, we help companies choose the best freight carrier for their goods, at the best price. Most businesses send a range of products to a range of locations, requiring a range of freight services. Different carriers have different strengths in either regions, service or freight profile. The hard part is knowing who to use for what, where and when. Smarter freight means having access to all these multiple carriers at any time, to allow you to choose the right option for the right goods, without the need to compromise or add complexity. One freight invoice, one phone number to call for all your freight, and one technology system. All integrated to ensure your logistics is as simple as possible.

We are an independent technology driven freight management company, who also have a dream to drive carbon neutral initiatives in the freight industry.

The following subsidiaries / child companies are also included within this certification.

Legal entity name	ABN	ACN
Cario Technology	80 630 600 056	
Smarter Freight Technologies	36 627 080 004	

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
- Cleaning and chemicals
- Electricity (tenancy and base tenancy)
- Food
- ICT services and equipment (software and computer services, telephone and Internet)
- Office equipment and supplies
- Postage, courier and freight (upstream)
- Professional services
- Transport air
- Transport (land and sea) - Staff Commuting, Taxi's and Uber
- Waste
- Water

Non-quantified

N/A

Outside emission boundary

Excluded

- Parking & Tolls
- Building & Facility Maintenance & Repair service
- Clothing
- Capital expenditure

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

2023: Scope 1 and 2 emissions focus:

Freight People is committed to taking positive action to reduce our impact on the environment. Our long-term strategy extends our carbon neutrality focus to our services. Our goal is to remove the impact of the hundreds of thousands of freight movements Freight People facilitate every year and to give our customers the choice to select the most environmentally friendly freight options. For our office and workspace emission we intend to implement emission reduction steps including:

Electricity

Electricity is currently one of our larger sources of emissions, and the total accounts for the base tenancy.

We have implemented a number of improvements for the office, including using hibernation features on devices, and optimisation of heating and cooling systems. We have also focused heavily on employee behaviour changes.

We have a 5 year goal (from CY 2021) to reducing this by 30%. Although we haven't reduced this at an overall business level, we are well on the way of reducing this at a per employee head.

Flights

Our business travel has jumped around a lot in the past few years, as we had Covid and then also opened offices. In 2023 our customer base grew significantly in QLD, which has resulted in some additional flights to service this region. However, Smarter Freight have encouraged staff to reduce travel where possible through video conferencing and combining trips where appropriate.

We have a 5 year goal from CY2021 as a base year, we are committed to reducing this by 20%, and we will do this by hiring staff in the other states that we service, so that our Melbourne based team aren't travelling to customer sites. This will mean we start hiring in Brisbane shortly to resolve this.

Supply Chain and Internal Engagement

Freight People will continue to engage with key freight providers to investigate less carbon intensive options and the goal of extending our carbon neutrality to the services we provide. Internally, we will facilitate continuous discussions about sustainability performance at staff meetings and encourage staff to get involved with sustainability initiatives.

ICT Services

Freight People utilise Microsoft for all their hosting requirements for their software. We continue to have discussions with Microsoft to reduce the carbon cost associated with these services. As technology is becoming more advanced we are endeavoring to reduce this line item by 10% over the next 3 years, using CY 2021 as a base year (noting we have substantial growth occurring which may impact whether this is achievable – but this is our goal). However, we haven't been able to see this pay off as yet, mostly due to our significant growth in the IT services space, which has impacted these costs.

Emissions reduction actions

We are very committed to measuring Scope 3 emissions in transport for our customers. We have done this by building an Australian tool, which came Runners Up at the Supply Chain Australia Awards in 2023 (https://issuu.com/sclaa/docs/2023_ascla_special_edition_-_final_-_page_16/17, and also here <https://cario.com.au/carbon-calculator>). This tool enables our customers to calculate carbon emissions – which will be very important in the coming years as companies must start reporting on their carbon emissions.

With such a focus on Scope 3 emissions, this has naturally spilled over into all other areas of our business. Our staff have driven a focus on removing Take Away cups from our office, “waste free” Wednesdays, and car pooling to get to and from work.

5. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Emissions over time

		Emissions since base year	
		Total tCO ₂ -e (without uplift)	Total tCO ₂ -e (with uplift)
Base Year/Year 1	2020	153.7	N/A
Year 2:	2021	171.49	N/A
Year 3:	2022	123.11	N/A
Year 4:	2023	241.27	N/A

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
Computer and technical services	41.7	61.9	As we grow this line will grow as we are a SaaS business and rely heavily on computing power. Our business grew 30% YOY in 2023 which resulted in significant increases here. We provide Freight Management which has AI capabilities, and this has a significant overhead in Microsoft Azure / database costings
Advertising Services	9.0	32.2	Due to international expansion (NZ) needed a significant increase in advertising for Business development. We also invested heavily to drive our local market, with this advertising resulting in a 30% increase on revenue.

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

N/A

Emissions summary

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

Emission category	Sum of Scope 1 (t CO2-e)	Sum of Scope 2 (t CO2-e)	Sum of Scope 3 (t CO2-e)	Sum of Total Emissions (t CO2-e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	4.26	4.26
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	1.80	1.80
Electricity	0.00	11.17	16.06	27.22
Food	0.00	0.00	14.16	14.16
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	65.31	65.31
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07
Professional services	0.00	0.00	77.74	77.74
Transport (air)	0.00	0.00	23.32	23.32
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	19.25	19.25
Waste	0.00	0.00	8.00	8.00
Water	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.11
Total	0.00	11.17	230.10	241.27

Uplift factors

N/A

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
Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs)	242	100%

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 (%)
Hubei Dube Pankou Hydropower Project	CER	ANREU	07/09/2022	1,126,374,559-1,126,375,558	CP2		1,000	296	462	242	100%
Total offsets retired this report and used in this report										242	
Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports									462		

Co-benefits

N/A

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

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 **location-based approach**

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	45%	(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	9,642	4,291	2,918	215	5,351	3,906
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	23,465	10,444	8,250	731	13,021	11,198
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)	33,107	14,735	11,169	946	18,372	15,104
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)	33,107					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO2-e)	11.17
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO2-e)	16.05
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO2-e)	11.17
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO2-e)	16.05
Total emissions liability (t CO2-e)	27.22

Market Based Approach Summary			
Market Based Approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO2-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 certified - Precinct/Building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - 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)	6,277	0	19%
Residual electricity	26,830	24,415	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	6,277	0	19%
Total grid electricity	33,107	24,415	19%
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	33,107	24,415	19%
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	45%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	11,941	10,867	
Scope 2	10,629	9,672	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	1,312	1,194	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	14,889	13,549	
Scope 3	14,889	13,549	

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	18.96%
Mandatory	18.96%
Voluntary	0.00%
Behind the meter	0.00%
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO2-e)	9.67
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO2-e)	14.74
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO2-e)	9.67
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO2-e)	14.74
Total emissions liability (t CO2-e)	24.42

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

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 CO2-e)
N/A	0	0
<p><i>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.</i></p>		

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO2-e)
N/A	0	0
<p><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></p>		

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.

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. **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 organisation

	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
Parking & Tolls	N	N	N	N	N	<p>Size: The emissions source is likely to be less than 1%, which is not large compared to the total emissions from electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.</p> <p>Influence: We do not have the potential to influence the emissions from this source, including by shifting to a different lower-emissions supplier for our business.</p> <p>Risk: There are no relevant laws or regulations that apply to limit emissions specifically from this source, the source does not create supply chain risks, and it is unlikely to be of significant public interest.</p> <p>Stakeholders: Key stakeholders, including the public, are unlikely to consider this a relevant source of emissions for our business.</p> <p>Outsourcing: We have not previously undertaken this activity within our emissions boundary and comparable organisations do not typically undertake this activity within their boundary.</p>
Building & Facility Maintenance & Repair service	N	N	N	N	N	<p>Size: The emissions source is likely to be less than 1%, which is not large compared to the total emissions from electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.</p> <p>Influence: We do not have the potential to influence the emissions from this source, including by shifting to a different lower-emissions supplier for our business.</p> <p>Risk: There are no relevant laws or regulations that apply to limit emissions specifically from this source, the source does not create supply chain risks, and it is unlikely to be of significant public interest.</p> <p>Stakeholders: Key stakeholders, including the public, are unlikely to consider this a relevant source of emissions for our business.</p> <p>Outsourcing: We have not previously undertaken this activity within our emissions boundary and comparable organisations do not typically undertake this activity within their boundary.</p>
Clothing	N	N	N	N	N	<p>Size: The emissions source is likely to be less than 1%, which is not large compared to the total emissions from electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.</p> <p>Influence: We do not have the potential to influence the emissions from this source, including by shifting to a different lower-emissions supplier for our business.</p> <p>Risk: There are no relevant laws or regulations that apply to limit emissions specifically from this source, the source does not create supply chain risks, and it is unlikely to be of significant public interest.</p> <p>Stakeholders: Key stakeholders, including the public, are unlikely to consider this a relevant source of emissions for our business.</p>

	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
						<p>Outsourcing: We have not previously undertaken this activity within our emissions boundary and comparable organisations do not typically undertake this activity within their boundary.</p>
Capital expenditure	N	N	N	N	N	<p>Size: Unknown. These are one off, often outside of our influence, and immaterial to our carbon inventory.</p> <p>Influence: We do not have the potential to influence the emissions from this source, including by shifting to a different lower-emissions supplier for our business.</p> <p>Risk: There are no relevant laws or regulations that apply to limit emissions specifically from this source, the source does not create supply chain risks, and it is unlikely to be of significant public interest.</p> <p>Stakeholders: Key stakeholders, including the public, are unlikely to consider this a relevant source of emissions for our business.</p> <p>Outsourcing: We have not previously undertaken this activity within our emissions boundary and comparable organisations do not typically undertake this activity within their boundary.</p>





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