

Practice Capital Public Disclosure Statement
Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Organisations
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NAME OF ENTITY: Coulson Legal

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021

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.



Signature:

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Position of signatory – Managing Director, Coulson Legal

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1. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

Description of certification

All parts of Coulson Legal's operating business have been included in the Carbon Neutral Certification.

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 (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O). No synthetic gases - hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) or Nitrogen Trifluoride (NF₃) were detected within the operational boundary. These have been expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂-e) using relative global warming potentials (GWPs).

Organisation description

The Coulson Legal is a leading costs law firm in Western Australia. Coulson Legal appreciates the planetary grievances caused by climate change and environmental degradation and seek to contribute towards solutions by sustainable action in line with our environmental policy, which seeks to understand and mitigate our impact on the environment.

2. EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Diagram of the certification boundary

EMISSIONS BOUNDARY:



EXCLUDED:



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Non-quantified sources

Office Furniture, Taxis, Rideshare were deemed negligible expenses in 2020 CY

Data management plan

N/A

Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

Base building services has been excluded as the lease for the current premises does not include a charge for base building services. It is therefore assumed that the lettable office space does not consume any base building services.

Working From Home – was not a usual business activity and was a forced circumstance due to the COVID19 pandemic. As such emissions were excluded.

3. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Table 1. Emissions Summary	
Emissions Source Category	Tonnes CO2e
Fleet	0.52
Energy	3.09
Air Travel	0.00
Waste	0.49
Water	0.18
Office Consumables	2.56
Staff Travel	1.66
Freight	0.01
Events	2.88
Food	3.83
Total	15.65

Table 2. Uplift factors	
Reason for the uplift factor	Tonnes CO2e
N/A	0.00
Total footprint to offset (uplift factors + net emissions)	15.65

Carbon Neutral Products

N/A for this year.

Emissions Over Time

Table 3. Emissions over time	
	Tonnes CO2e
Base Year 2021 CY	15.65

Electricity Summary

Electricity was calculated using a Market-based approach.

Table 4 - Market-based approach electricity summary

Electricity inventory items	kWh	Emissions (tonnes CO2e)
Electricity Renewables	0	
Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	0	
Electricity Remaining	4551	3.09
Renewable electricity percentage	0%	
Net emissions (Market based approach)		3.09

4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction actions

The Coulson Legal is a creative consultancy that leverages community and social outcomes through evidence-based design thinking.

In 2021, we have sought to better understand and reduce the emissions that result from our practice by becoming carbon neutral (negative) – through claiming carbon neutrality using section 2 of the Climate Active Standard for Organisations. We look forward to this building our understanding of the emissions that result from our practice, in turn guiding our future actions.

Our sustainability journey seen a cultural shift towards sustainable thinking which should foster sustainable action and initiatives and further reduction to our emissions over time.

Emissions reduction strategy

Over the next 2 years we plan to:

- Investigate ways and initiatives to recycle and reduce waste.
- Encourage staff to consider the environment in all they do.
- Utilise video conferencing where possible to reduce travel.
- Reduce volume of paper printing.
- Where possible utilise suppliers who provide carbon neutral products and service providers who are certified carbon neutral.

5. CARBON OFFSETS

Offsets Strategy

Table 5. Offsets purchasing strategy: In arrears	
	Tonnes CO2e
1. Total offsets previously forward purchased and banked for this report	0.00
2. Total emissions liability to offset for this report	15.65
3. Net offset balance for this reporting period	-0.35
4. Total offsets to be forward purchased to offset the next reporting period	0.00
5. Total offsets required for this report	16.0

Co-benefits

Madre de Dios Project – Amazon Rainforest Peru

Project Type: Avoided Deforestation

Location: Tahuamanu Province, Peru

Standard: Verra Standard

Estimated Reduction: 74,307t CO2-e per year

Deforestation attributes to about 20% of global warming, reducing the Earth’s capacity to absorb carbon dioxide. The activities implemented by the developer of this project will benefit the climate, community and biodiversity.

This project will conserve over 100,000 hectares of rainforest in the Tahuamanu Province of Peru, a region that contains one of the greatest biodiversity hotspots – Ecological Corridor Vilcabamba-Amboró.

Protecting the rainforest from transient farmers and illegal logging will protect the habitats of numerous animal and plant species, of which at least 35 have been identified as endangered. Indigenous communities will be supported and their cultures preserved.

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Members of the nearby communities will have the opportunity to attend workshops offered in security as well as technical training on sustainable agriculture and forest management.

Offsets Summary: – 0.35t CO₂e for 2021CY

Proof of cancelation of offset units

Table 6 - Offsets cancelled for Climate Active Carbon Neutrality claim										
Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Eligible quantity (tCO ₂ -e)	Quantity used for previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period claim	Percentage of total (%)
Madre de Dios Project – Amazon Rainforest Peru	VERs	Verra Registry	30 June 2022	https://carbonneutral.com.au/product/madre-de-dios-project/	2013 – 15	16	0	0.00	16	100%

Total offsets retired this report and used in this report	16
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
Verified Emissions Reductions (VERs)	16	100%