

Summary of carboNZero certification:



The Research Agency Limited

"The Research Agency Limited meets the requirements of carboNZero^{Cert™} certification having measured its greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with ISO 14064-1:2006; committed to managing and reducing its emissions; and neutralised its remaining unavoidable emissions through the cancellation of an appropriate number of verified carbon credits in respect of the operational activities of its organisation."



Introduction¹ – The Research Agency is a full-service, award-winning market research consultancy built out of a passion for research that delivers growth to clients. We believe climate change is serious issue and are committed to reducing our environmental impact. Being part of the carboNZero programme is part of our commitment to this. We are the first and only market research company in New Zealand to be accredited, having joined the programme in 2008.

Boundary – The boundary for the preparation of The Research Agency Limited's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is for one site. All business activities have been included.

Consolidation approach – operational control

Base year – 01/04/2008 to 31/03/2009

Measurement period – 01/04/2010 to 31/03/2011

Emissions source inclusions – the diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for The Research Agency Limited by emissions source. The Research Agency Limited's total emissions for this period were 15.56 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (tCO₂e) comprising:

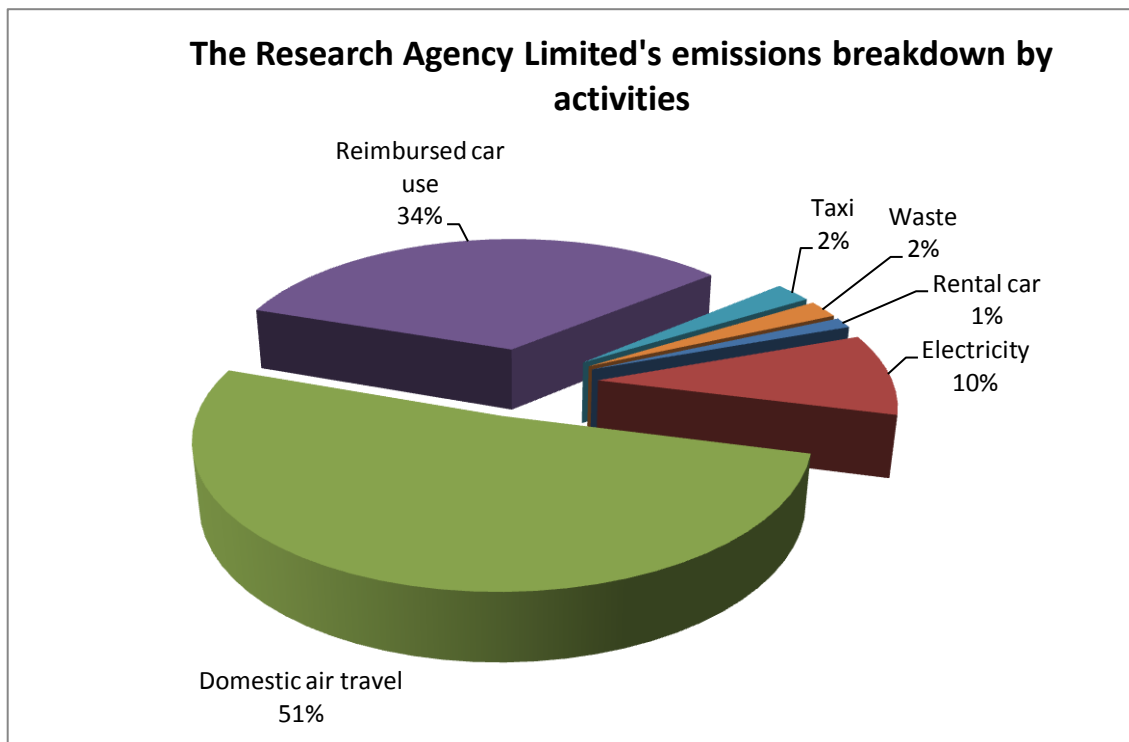
Scope 1: 0.19 tCO₂e

Scope 2: 1.46 tCO₂e

Scope 3: 13.91 tCO₂e

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Emissions source exclusions – Emissions related to postage and couriers were excluded as these were proved to be *de minimis*.

Emissions reduction commitments – The Research Agency Limited has developed a GHG emissions reduction plan. Some projects in this plan include:

- Reduce electricity usage by 2% (per FTE)
- Reduce air travel wherever possible bearing in mind that some air travel is unavoidable due to nature of work
- Reduce petrol usage by 2%

Offset – 16 tCO₂e. EBEX21 Native Forest Regeneration Projects (PFSI Compliance). Serial numbers 801498-801513 have been cancelled (or equivalent) on the New Zealand Emissions Unit Register.

Verified by – Green Fox Limited

Threshold of materiality – Excluded emissions do not exceed 5% of the total footprint for organisation boundary stated.

Level of assurance – Reasonable assurance

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Certification status – carboNZero certified “organisation”

Certificate number – 2011097J

Valid until – 31 July 2014

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