

Summary of carboNZero certification:



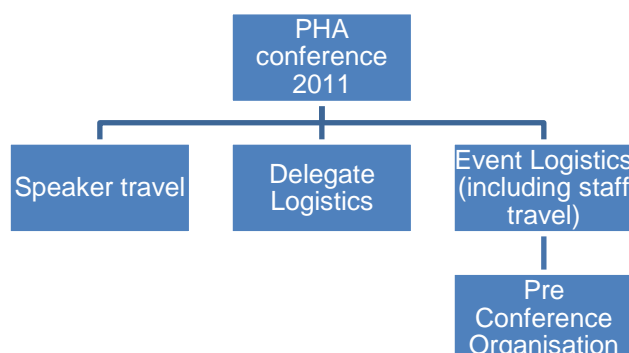
Public Health Association Conference 2011

The Public Health Association Conference 2011 meets the requirements of carboNZero^{Cert™} certification having measured its greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with ISO 14064-1:2006, committed to reducing its emissions and neutralised the remaining unavoidable emissions in respect of the event organised and run by the Public Health Association and held in Christchurch on 31 August to 2 September 2011



Introduction¹ – the Public Health Association holds a conference in a different region each year, with general objectives being education, advocacy, and fundraising. The conference is the main calendar event of the year for keeping public health professionals up to date with current developments and to present their work. The Public Health Association of New Zealand 2011 conference was hosted by the Canterbury-West Coast branch of the PHA and held at Lincoln University, Christchurch during 31st August to 2nd September inclusive.

Boundary – The diagram below shows the organisational structure used for describing the conference’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, and what business units were included in the carboNZero certification.



Consolidation approach – Operational control

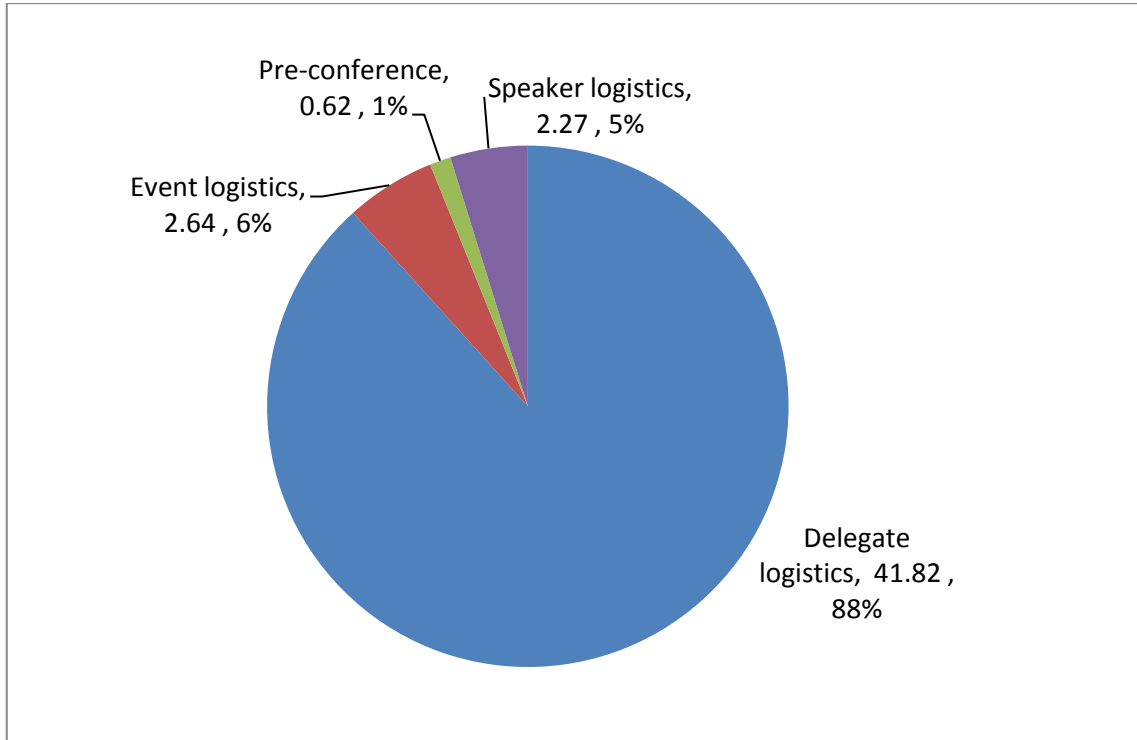
Event Period – 31/08/2011 – 02/09/2011

Emissions source inclusions – The diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for PHA Conference 2011 by emissions source. The Conference’s total emissions for this period were 47.36 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e) all comprising of Scope 3. The following graph is of GHG emissions by business units.

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Emissions source exclusions –

- Event Organiser office energy use – data was unable to be obtained and was judged likely to be insignificant
- Vehicle use for pre-event organisation was difficult to separate from private use, this was assumed to be *de minimis* and was excluded.

Emissions reduction commitments – The conference organiser has developed a GHG emissions reduction plan. Some projects in this plan include:

- To minimise speakers / hosted guests carbon footprint in getting to and from the conference and during the conference.
- To keep electricity use to a minimum during event
- To reduce non recycled paper use and other consumables e.g. included in conference programme and handouts, and provided by exhibitors.
- To raise awareness of our commitment to run a low carbon conference and to reduce environmental impact.
- To encourage delegates to reduce their carbon footprint and environmental impact during the conference.
- Minimise volume of printed marketing material

Offset – 6 tonnes CO₂e. EBEX21 Native Forest Regeneration Projects (PFSI Compliance). Serial numbers 805864-805869 have been cancelled (or equivalent) on the New Zealand Emissions Unit Register. In line with the carboNZero programme principles and approach for events, emissions from delegate travel were excluded from the offset required for certification.

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Verified by – carboNZero Holdings Limited

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

Level of assurance – Limited assurance

Certification status – carboNZero certified “conference” covering the organiser, event and delegate logistics of the conference.

Certificate number – 2011158J

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