

Summary of carboNZero certification:



Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Annual Conference 2010

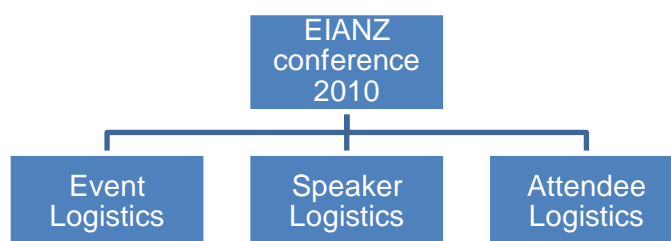
“The Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Conference 2010 meets the requirements of carboNZero^{Cert™} certification having put in place a greenhouse emissions management plan prior to the event, measured the emissions in accordance with the requirements of ISO 14064-1:2006 during the event and neutralised the remaining unavoidable emissions through cancellation of an appropriate number of verified carbon credits in respect of the event held in Wellington on 26-29 October 2010.”



Introduction¹ – The Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand is the peak professional body for environmental practitioners in Australasia, and promotes independent and interdisciplinary discourse on environmental issues. The Institute advocates that best environmental practices be delivered by competent and ethical environmental practitioners.

The two-day conference (plus one-day of field trips) program was been designed to provide delegates with intellectual stimulation and opportunities for paper and poster presentations. It consisted of a welcome function on the evening of the 26th October, two full days of sessions (27th and 28th October), a conference dinner (27th October) and optional field trips (29th October).

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



Consolidation approach – operational control

Event Period – 26/10/2010 to 29/10/2010.

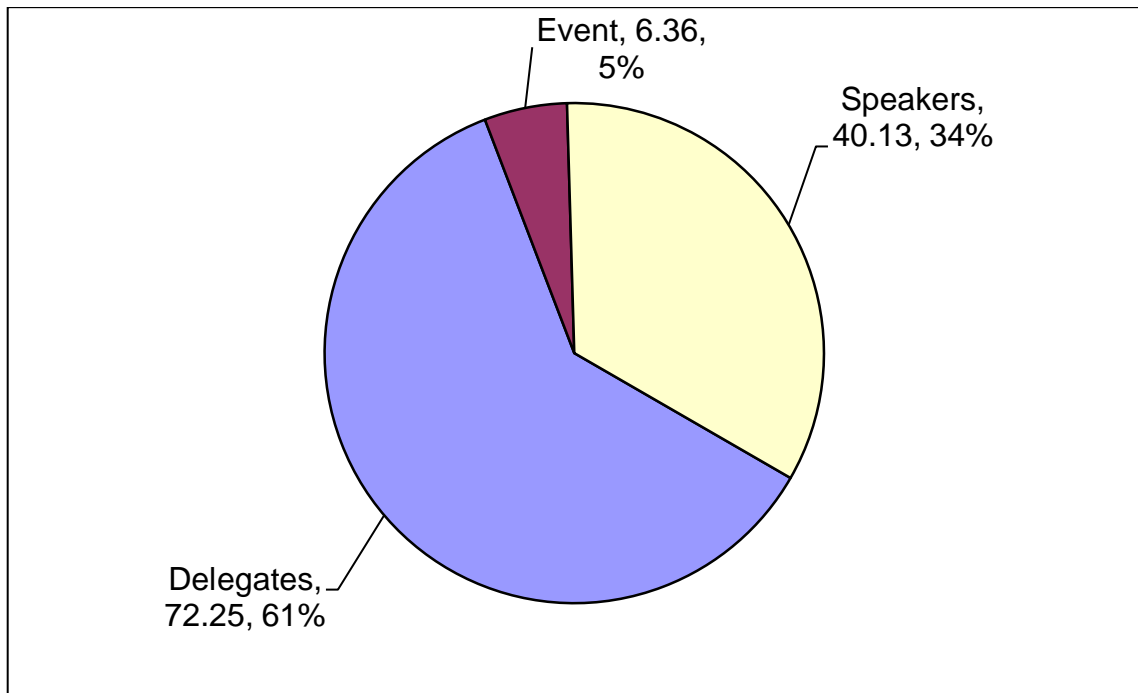
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GHG emissions source inclusions – the diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for the event by emissions source. Total emissions for this period were 118.73 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e) all comprising Scope 3 emissions.



GHG emissions source exclusions (all considered *de minimus*)–

- Road freight (3 boxes of wine freighted from Blenheim to Wellington)
- Train travel (one organiser Wellington – Christchurch)
- Electricity at dinner venue
- Attendee travel from airport to hotel and vice versa

GHG emissions reduction commitments – The event has developed a GHG emissions reduction policy and plan. Some projects in this plan include:

- Minimising the paper use associated with the conference (no handbooks etc.)
- Keeping the recommended hotels and venues within walking distance
- Listing the recommended hotels environmental policy on the conference website for attendees to view
- Providing vegetarian catering for half the food

Offset – 46 tonnes CO₂e. VERs² from EBEX21³. Serial numbers 113187-113232 have been cancelled (or equivalent) on the carboNZero registry. In line with carboNZero programme event guidelines carbon credits were not required to offset

² VERs are created by eligible projects for emissions reductions achieved up to the end of 2007.

³ EBEX21 – Emissions Biodiversity Exchange in the 21st Century project creates carbon credits through the regeneration of native forest on private land – see www.ebex21.co.nz

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emissions from attendee travel and accommodation. This accounted for 72.25 tCO₂e. Another 1.25 tCO₂e was prior offset through use of recognised carbon neutral services.

Verified by – carboNZero programme SBU

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

Level of assurance – limited assurance

Certification status – carboNZero certified “event” covering the organisation and running.

Certificate number – 2011008J

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