

Climate Change Adaptation Conference 2009

The Climate Change Adaptation Conference 2009 meets the requirements of carboNZero^{Cert™} certification having measured its greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with ISO 14064-1, committed to managing and reducing its emissions and neutralised its remaining unavoidable emissions in respect of the event held in Wellington on May 20- 21.



Introduction¹ – The Climate Change Adaptation Conference 2009 was convened by the New Zealand Climate Change Centre (NZCCC) and organised by Conferences and Events Ltd. The conference was held at the Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington on 20 – 21 May 2009.

This two-day conference included keynote speeches and presentations by leading international and New Zealand experts and researchers on climate change and adaptation, case-study based panel discussions, and input from end-users on their needs for information and tools.

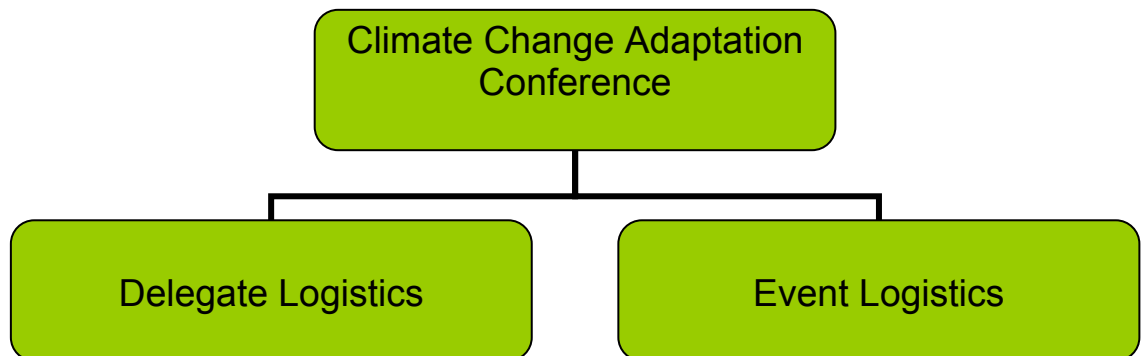
The NZCCC's aim of the conference is to stimulate collaborative research by facilitating communication between scientists, planners, councils, engineers, businesses, Māori, and organisations dealing with climate change issues.

Climate change scenarios were presented to provide context for discussions about the potential impacts and required adaptation measures that New Zealand will have to adopt in coming decades. More information is available at www.confer.co.nz/adaptation09

Boundary – the diagram below shows the organisational structure used for describing the event's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, and what business units were included in the carboNZero certification. No business units were excluded from the certification.

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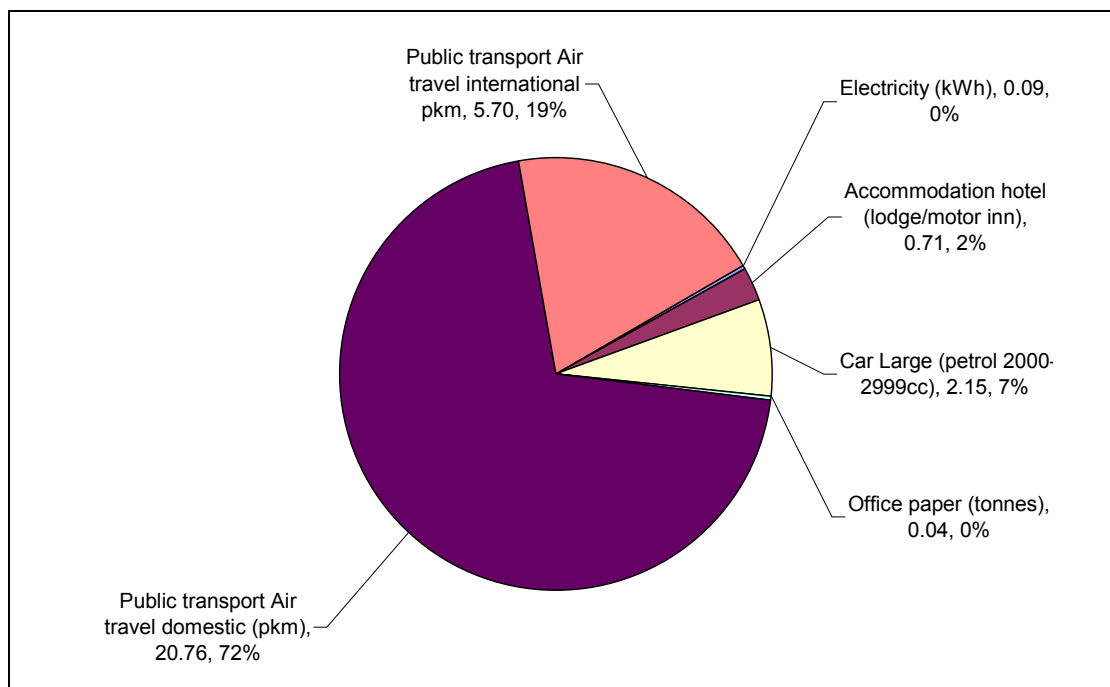
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Consolidation approach – operational control

Event Period – May 20 -21 2009

GHG emissions source inclusions – the diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for the event by emissions source. The events total emissions for this period were 29.44 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e) all comprising of Scope 3 emissions.



GHG emissions source exclusions –

- Vehicle travel by the organiser (trips were minimal and are an insignificant source of GHG emissions)
- Waste (waste data was unable to be provided and due to the short nature of the event is likely to be insignificant)
- Freight (insufficient information was collected and all trips were inner city)

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GHG emissions reduction commitments – The New Zealand Climate Change Centre developed a GHG emissions reduction plan. Some projects in this plan included:

- Use of video conferencing for the key note speaker (based in the USA)
- Reduce paper by proving online invoicing and registration
- Maximising the venues sustainability programmes
- Selection of a venue close to public transport links

Offset – 30 tonnes CO₂e. VERs² from PRE³ windpower projects. Serial numbers PREVER-TARARUA-06-0000005417 to PREVER-TARARUA-06-0000005446 have been retired on the Markit Environmental Registry.

Verified by – Prescott Horn

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

Level of assurance – limited assurance

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

Certificate number – 2009051J

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

³ PRE - Projects to Reduce Emissions is a New Zealand government scheme for projects that are eligible under the Joint Implementation initiative of the Kyoto Protocol – see www.mfe.govt.nz