

Summary of carboNZero certification: 4th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference 2008



The 2008 Climate Change and Business Conference meets the requirements of carboNZero^{CertTM} certification having measured and reduced its greenhouse gas emissions and mitigated its remaining unavoidable emissions in respect of the conference held in Auckland on August 18-20, 2008.



4th Australia-New Zealand
Climate Change & Business Conference

Introduction¹ – The 4th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference 2008 was held at the Sky City Auckland Convention Centre on August 18-20, 2008. It was organised by the Climate Change and Business Centre.

The Climate Change and Business Centre operates in Australia and New Zealand and the wider region. Its primary objective is to educate and inform business about climate change and the risks and opportunities it presents and to engender learnings across the Tasman.

The conference focussed on the risks and opportunities facing businesses as a result of climate change with a particular emphasis on emissions trading, in both compliance and voluntary markets. The conference program contained both plenary sessions (focussing on big picture issues) and concurrent sessions (providing practical advice on specific issues facing business).

More information is available at www.climateandbusiness.com

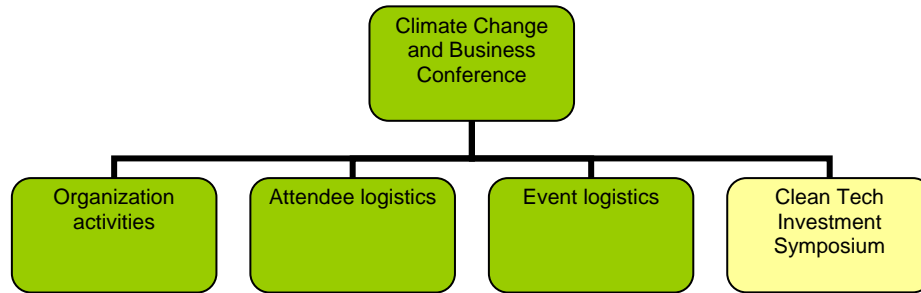
Boundary – the diagram below shows the organisational structure used for describing the conference's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, and what business units were included in the carboNZero certification. Yellow business units were excluded from the certification.

Consolidation approach – Operational Control

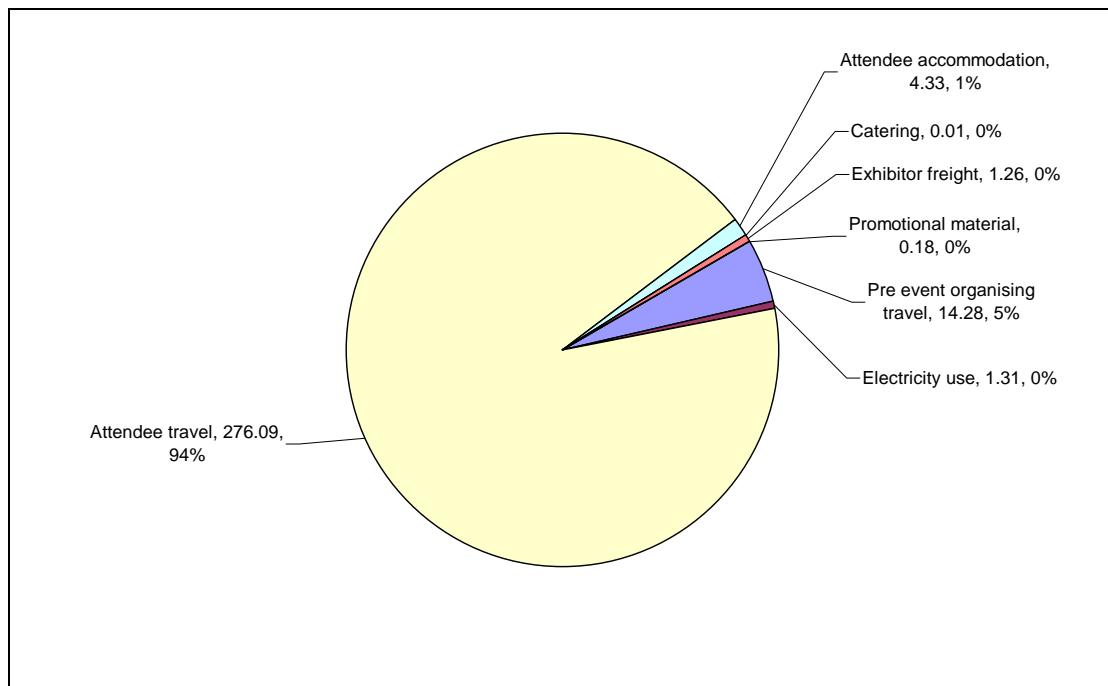
Event Period – 18/08/2008 to 20/08/2008.

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GHG emissions source inclusions – the diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for the 4th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference 2008 by emissions source. The total emissions for this period were 297.44 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e).



GHG emissions source exclusions – GHG emissions from organisers office use, registration brochure distribution, organisers overseas hotel accommodation and delegate transport to/from airports were excluded. It is estimated that GHG emissions from these sources would be insignificant.

GHG emissions reduction commitments – The organisers of the conference has developed a GHG emissions reduction plan. Some projects in this plan included:

- Choosing a venue with an environmental policy
- Working with the venue to promote energy efficient practices
- Providing recycling facilities for conference delegates

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Offset – 298 tonnes CO₂e. VERs² from PRE³ windpower projects. Serial numbers 316713 – 317010 have been cancelled (or equivalent) on the carboNZero programme registry

Verified by – PriceWaterhouseCoopers

Level of assurance – Reasonable assurance.

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

Certification status – carboNZero certified “conference” covering organisation activities and conference and logistics.

Certificate number – 2009018

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