

CARBON BALANCED STATEMENT

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HOFFMAN CENTRE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD



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BUSINESS CASE

As a business offering leadership and direction on personal issues, the centre recognizes that part of their philosophy is to incorporate the current social and environmental concerns shared by its participants. Understanding its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and how it impacts global warming is an important step in responding to the issue and taking responsibility for its contributions to Climate Change.

PUBLIC REPORTING AND VOLUNTARY INITIATIVE

This is the first year that Hoffman Centre Australia have undertaken an audit to calculate their carbon footprint and have voluntarily chosen to so.

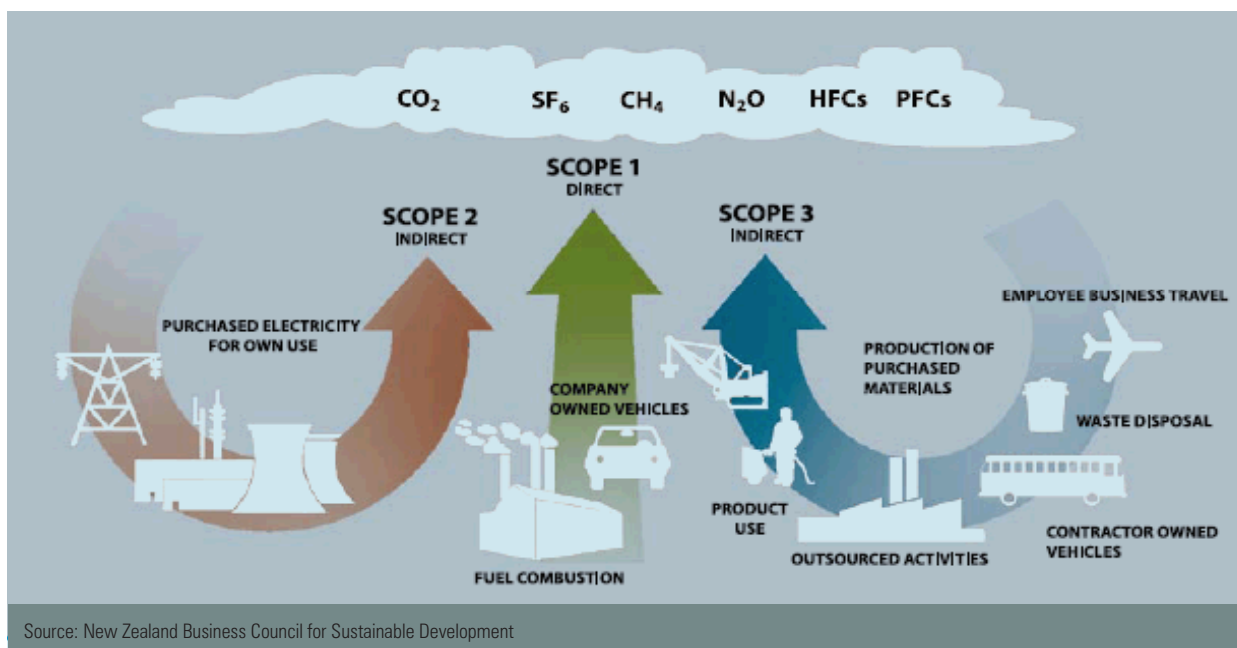
The Centre recognises that being transparent in its approach and reporting on its findings builds engagement with its stakeholders and employs the current best practices for publicly reporting.

As a response to climate change concerns it felt that a Carbon Balanced solution would be the most responsible approach and one its participants and stakeholders would be familiar (in principle) with.

By engaging in a third party consultant to abide by current best practices it felt its stakeholders would respect the steps taken to validate its claim and negate any concerns over greenwashing its statement.

CARBON NEUTRALITY (BALANCED)

Carbon Balancing in this case is defined as a statement claiming that the organisation has been *audited* on its Greenhouse Gas emissions and calculated its carbon footprint in tones of CO₂-e. This amount has been reduced, where possible, and the residual amount has then been offset by the purchase of *recognised* carbon credits.



AUDIT METHODOLOGY

The audit methodology applied complies with the GHG Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard developed by the World Resources Institute & World Business Council for Sustainable Development. The factors used have been sourced from the Australian greenhouse Office NGA Factors and Methodology Workbook 2008.

EMISSION AUDIT PERIOD

The audit date period covers all emission generated within a 1 year timeframe from 01 January 2007 – 31 December 2007.

EMISSIONS CONTAINED IN THE AUDIT

The audit objective was to identify the major direct and indirect emissions created by Hoffman Centre Australia and include all manageable emission losses caused by its direct and indirect operations.

It was identified that there were no products or items that required any life cycle analysis.

As defined by the GHG Protocol, the emission have been categorised in the following scopes.

Scope 1 covers **direct emissions** from sources within the boundary of an organisation such as fuel combustion and manufacturing processes.

Scope 2 covers **indirect emissions** from the consumption of **purchased electricity, steam or heat** produced by another organisation. Scope 2 emissions result from the combustion of fuel to generate the electricity, steam or heat and do not include emissions associated with the production of fuel

Scope 3 includes all **other indirect emissions** that are a consequence of an organisation's activities but are not from sources owned or controlled by the organisation.

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND BOUNDARIES OF REPORT

Their operations include running 5-6 buses using diesel fuel, an office and depot that are paper based, and the contracted hire of venues in Melbourne and Sydney. We have chosen to include all staffing, waste and have a contracted hire of an entertainment venue on a weekly basis.

GHG INVENTORY

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND BOUNDARIES OF REPORT

For the period of the audit the Hoffman Centre operated out of an office in Melbourne and Singapore and conducted their workshops in Byron Bay.

REPORTING BOUNDARIES

Includes all operation The Hoffman Centre is responsible for which include;

- ▶ Offices in Melbourne & Singapore
- ▶ Contracted venue in Byron Bay
- ▶ All transportation of staff
- ▶ Energy & Waste associated with offices and venues.

ASSUMPTIONS & EXCLUSIONS

The emission factors for Singapore operations were modeled off Australian factors.

Flight Radiative Factor: This factor was included as it reflected the true 'gross' effect of releasing harmful gases into the stratosphere. It is known that the release of these gases into the atmosphere has other effects which contribute to global warming but are not easily measured. We have adopted an industry standard factor of 2.7 times from the IPCC. (www.grida.no/climate/ipcc/aviation/064.htm)

EMISSION REDUCTIONS

Changing the energy provider to 50% Green renewable electricity was the most effective way of reducing our emissions in the short period. These low hanging fruit solutions are being implemented and a review of our flying habits will help reveal any non-essential travel.

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CHOICE OF OFFSETS

The carbon offsets are sourced from an Avoided Deforestation project called "Minding the Carbon Store" by The Carbon Pool Pty Ltd. Avoided Deforestation projects use revenue from the sale of carbon credits to purchase land that was potentially threatened by land clearing.

'Deforestation is currently responsible for up to 20% of global greenhouse emissions.'* The wholesale clearing of land for grazing, logging, crops (including biofuels) and other land use changes reduces the planets ability to capture and store carbon and releases it into the atmosphere.

'Stopping and reversing deforestation and degradation of forest land, particularly in tropical countries, emerges as an absolute crucial element in curbing emission....halting land clearance is far more effective intervention than planting tree's' (*WWF Vision for 2050 part 4.4 pg 20 & Part 1 pg6).

This project is based in Queensland and provides other external benefits such as maintaining habitats for wildlife, maintaining soil integrity and assist in preventing salt erosion.

For more information visit www.carbonpool.com/index.html#gethelp



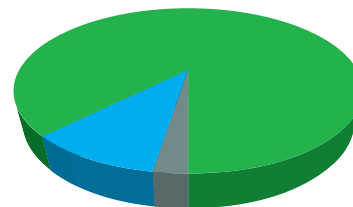
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Client

Hoffman Institute Australia

Audit Date

January 07 - December 07



Emission Sources	Consumption	Consumption Units	C02-e (tonnes)##	% of Total Emissions
Direct emissions (Scope 1)			2.7	2.6
Employee Travel (estimated)	7500	km's	2.2	2.1
Refrigerant Leakage (estimated)	270	gm	0.3	0.3
Natural Gas	5.00	GJ	0.3	0.2
Indirect Emissions (Scope 2)			10.5	9.9
ELECTRICITY				
Office Premises Melbourne	7,530	kw/hrs	9.2	8.7
Office Premises Singapore	1,054	kw/hrs	1.3	1.2
Optional emissions included (Scope 3)			92.4	87.5
Emissions from extraction, production & t'port transmission & distrib. line loss Electricity.	--		0.6	0.6
Waste Related Emissions	0.48	Tonnes	0.8	0.8
Domestic Flights*	122,925	km's	39.0	37.0
International Flights*	156,219	km's	46.4	43.9
Contracted Venue	5216	kw/hrs	5.5	5.2
Totals Scope 1+2+3			105.6	100
Reduction Measures			7.48	7.1
50% Tru Energy	3765	kw/hrs	4.9	4.6
47% Country Energy Contractors Venue	2451	kw/hrs	2.6	2.4
Offsets			100.00	94.7
The Carbon Pool	100	Tonnes	100.00	94.7
Net Emissions			-1.9	-1.8

* Inventory was developed in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standards (GHG Protocol) developed by the World Resource Institute (WRI). The factors have been sourced from the NGA Factors Workbook 2008.*Figures may not sum due to rounding. Flight emission factors correspond to the short, medium, and long standards on the GHG Protocol website business travel tool plus 2.7 for radiating factor. Some estimates for Refrigerant Gas leakages, Staff Commuting and Singapore office have been used.

"At the Hoffman centre our core mission is to bring upon peace on earth by assisting our participants to heal and find compassion within them. Compassion is a spiritual value that not only embraces other humans and our selves but also expands towards our natural living environment.

Over the years the Hoffman team has participated in a variety of environmental initiatives that have supported groups such as Tree Project, Greenpeace and Landcare.

Given the current climate change dilemma we engaged Carbon Balance Consulting to calculate our carbon footprint and assist us in offsetting our emissions.

We are really pleased to be contributing to a project that protects and maintains valuable habitat that helps restore a balance between our effects and the environment. Yeah nature rocks!!! "

*Love & light Volker
 Volker Krohn Managing Director*