

Climate Change and Business Conference 2018

Climate Change and Business Conference 2018 meets the requirements of carboNZero^{Cert™} event operations certification having estimated the event's life cycle emissions during the event, and neutralised the remaining unavoidable emissions, excluding attendee travel emissions, through cancellation of an appropriate number of verified carbon credits in respect of the event held at the Grand Millennium Auckland in Auckland on 9 & 10 October 2018.



Introduction¹ – The Climate Change & Business Conference began in 2004 and established itself as a highly-respected trans-Tasman forum for business leaders and policy-makers to discuss the challenges of climate change and explore responses. Following a 3-year gap, the event recommenced in New Zealand in 2015. The conference covers key climate change issues: international and domestic policy, carbon markets, adaptation and best-practice business response. The Environmental Defence Society organises and manages the conference.

Event description² – carboNZero certified event operations

- Scope: “event operations” scope³
- Functional unit: 0.15 tCO₂e per delegate at the event
- Event date: 9 & 10 October 2018
- Number of delegates: estimated at 220 (3 organisers) – actual numbers to be confirmed post conference
- Boundaries: The measurement method follows the principles of life cycle approach focussing on the main emission sources for an event.

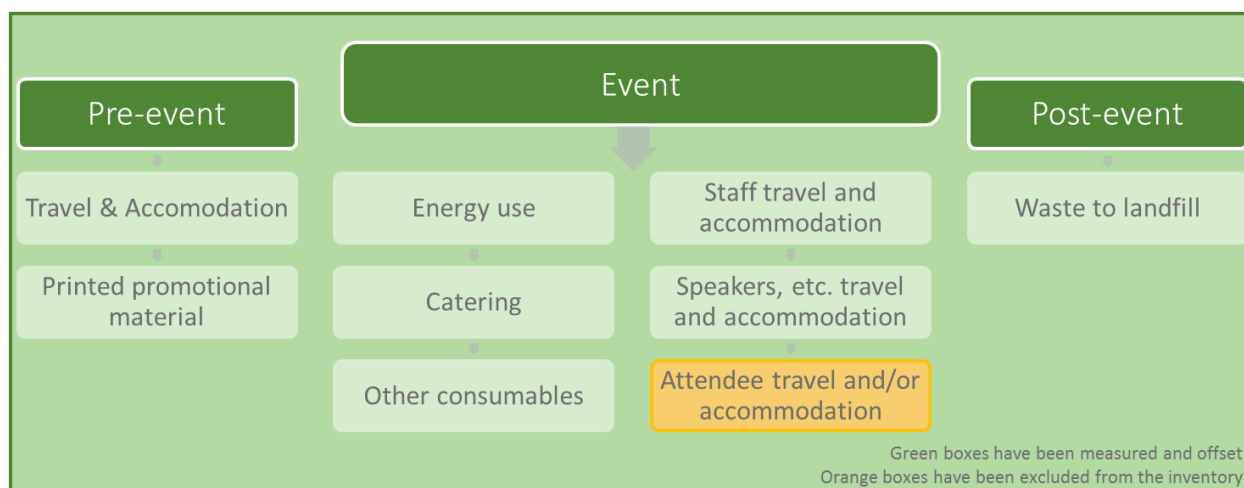


Figure 1: Emissions sources by event stage

¹ **Disclaimer:** This Disclosure Statement is a summary of the verified information considered for certification and the certification decision. It should not be taken to represent the full submission for certification. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this Disclosure Statement is accurate and complete, Enviro-Mark Solutions Limited does not, to the maximum extent permitted by law, give any warranty or guarantee relating to the accuracy or reliability of the information.

² For certification, these measurements undergo an independent verification for accuracy but no assurance can be given due to the inherent uncertainty around event data.

³ Certified “event operations” measures all emissions sources but does not offset those from attendee travel.

carboNZero Pre-event certified event operations

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GHG Emissions source inclusions – The event's total emissions were:

Event organisation:	1.83	tCO ₂ e
Speakers/Sponsors/Exhibitors travel:	9.64	tCO ₂ e
Attendee travel:	23.28	tCO ₂ e
Venue:	3.61	tCO ₂ e
Total:	38.70	tCO₂e

Exclusions – No relevant emissions sources were knowingly excluded for this event.

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

- Encourage offset of attendee travel as part of the registration form and on the website
- Venue is located centrally and close to public transports
- Accommodation is available at the venue itself and many hotels nearby
- No bottled water is provided, only water coolers and glasses
- We provide double-walled glass coffee cups that are washed and reused.
- We do not use any caterers with single-use plastic utensils
- We provide at least 50% vegetarian options for all attendees on lunch buffets
- We developed an event app to reduce paper booklets and avoid producing a list of delegates
- We do not offer a conference pack to minimise waste

Offset – 13 PFSI Hinewai Forest credits have been cancelled on the carboNZero register and will be cancelled (or equivalent) on the relevant external registry within one month of certification. Specific details of cancellation, including serial numbers, will be available on the external registry: www.epa.govt.nz/e-m-t/reports/Pages/Voluntary-unit-cancellations.aspx.

Note: The 23.28 tonnes of emissions from attendee travel (70%) were not required to be offset as this event is being certified to a “certified event operations” scope. As per the below disclaimer, only 80% of emissions have been offset for the pre-event certification. The remaining will be cancelled following the post-event final footprint.

Verified by – Enviro-Mark Solutions Limited

Certification status – carboNZero certified event operations

Certificate number – 2018085

Valid for – 9-10 October 2018

Certification Disclaimer – Pre-event certification is based on estimated attendee numbers and information that can be provided in planning an event. Eighty percent of verified estimated emissions are offset to achieve pre-event certification. Data provided for pre-event estimates may vary from data collected for the actual event. This disclosure will be updated after the event with new information regarding offsets.