



# **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**MONASH GRADUATE ASSOCIATION**

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION**


**CY2025**

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**Climate Active**  
**Public Disclosure Statement**



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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Monash Graduate Association Inc
REPORTING PERIOD	Calendar Year 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025 Arrears report
DECLARATION	<p><i>To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this public disclosure statement is true and correct and meets the requirements of the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard.</i></p>  <hr/> <p>Janice Boey          Executive Officer          29 April 2026</p>



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# 1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	159 tCO2-e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	100% VCU's
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	17.91%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Green Moves Aust Pty Ltd
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Not applicable

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## 2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

### Description of organisation certification

This organisation certification is for the business operations of Monash Graduate Association Inc, ABN 86 800 958 958. This certification has been based on the Climate Active Small Organisation fixed emission boundary using an operational control approach in arrears.

This Public Disclosure Statement includes information for CY2025 reporting period.

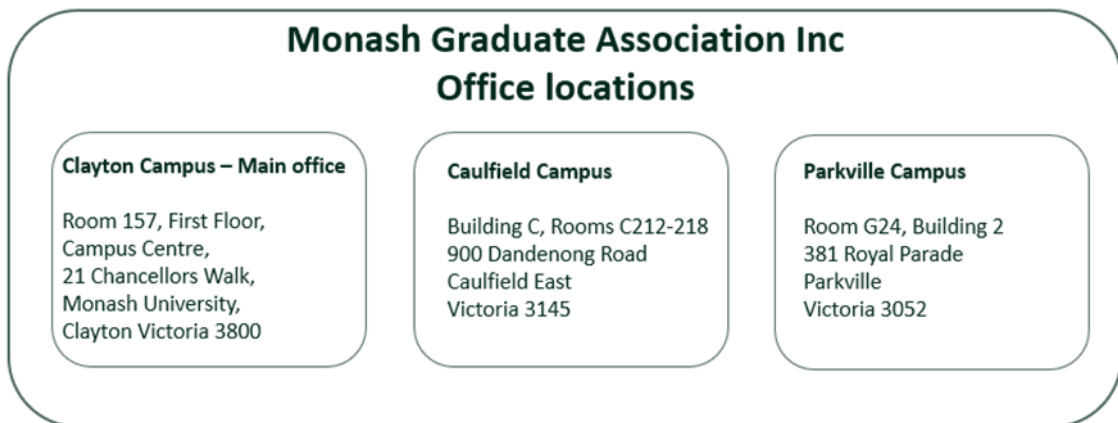
### Organisation description

This certification covers the business operations of Monash Graduate Association (ABN 86 800 958 958) whose main office location is Room 157, First Floor, Campus Centre, 21 Chancellors Walk, Monash University, Clayton Victoria 3800

The Monash Graduate Association Inc. (MGA) is the representative body for all graduate research and coursework students enrolled at Monash University. MGA is an independent incorporated not for profit association answerable to the Monash University graduate student community. It is governed by graduate students, for graduate students.

The MGA is the cross-campus representative body that provides services and support to over 28,000 graduate students across Australia.

MGA website: <https://mga.monash.edu/>



## 3. EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

This is a small organisation certification, which uses the standard Climate Active small organisation emissions boundary.

### Inside the emissions boundary

All emission sources listed in the emissions boundary are part of the carbon neutral claim.

**Quantified emissions** have been assessed as relevant and are quantified in the carbon inventory. This may include emissions that are not identified as arising due to the operations of the certified entity, however, are **optionally included**.

**Non-quantified emissions** have been assessed as relevant and are captured within the emissions boundary but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. All material emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. Further detail is available at Appendix C.

### Outside the emissions boundary

**Excluded emissions** are those that have been assessed as not relevant to an organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary or are outside of the scope of the certification. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Further detail is available at Appendix D.

Inside emissions boundary		Outside emission boundary
<b><u>Quantified</u></b>	<b><u>Non-quantified</u></b>	<b><u>Excluded</u></b>
Accommodation	Water	None
Carbon neutral products and services		
Cleaning and chemicals		
Electricity		
Food		
ICT services and equipment		
Professional services		
Office equipment and supplies		
Postage, courier and freight		
Refrigerants		
Stationary energy and fuels		
Transport (air)		
Transport (land and sea)		
Waste		
Working from home		

## 4. EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

### Emissions reduction strategy

Monash Graduate Association commits to reduce emissions across its value chain (scope 1, 2 and 3) by at least 15% by 2025, and 30% by 2030 from our CY2021 base year. As MGA is growing, we will measure our reductions against our Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of emissions per FTE. MGA aims to continue to reduce emissions by implementing the following emissions reduction plan.

CY21 emissions / FTE - 12.8 base year

CY22 emissions / FTE - 10.1 equivalent to an 11% reduction on base year emissions

CY23 emissions / FTE - 9.6 equivalent to a 25% reduction on base year emissions (2025 target achieved)

CY24 emissions / FTE – 8.3 equivalent to 32% reduction on base year emissions (2030 target achieved)

CY25 emissions / FTE – 9.7 equivalent to 24% reduction on base year emissions (2025 target achieved)

Emission reduction action plan	Target Date
General purchasing standards – We will review standards to formally preference certified carbon neutral products and services where possible.	Dec 2026
Update travel policy on interstate staff flight travel to only travelling when needed and to carbon offset all flights with certified offsets when booking.	Dec 2026
We aim to reduce emissions from road travel through use of public transport and electric vehicles where possible. This will be measured using a KPI of emissions / FTE against our CY22 emissions (Using CY22 as CY21 was severely COVID impacted and not a realistic measure to reduce against)	Dec 2030
We aim to reduce waste emissions per FTE by at least 10% by 2025 and 30% by 2030 from our CY 2021 base year. We aim to achieve this by increasing recycling and reducing waste into the office	Dec 2030

### Emissions reduction actions

Actions undertaken to date include.

Emission reduction actions completed / ongoing this period	Completed
We are purchasing Carbon neutral paper from June 2023 for general office use. Where suitable carbon neutral company, products or services are not available, we aim to use those that have environmental policies and procedures in place or carry other environmental credentials.	Done and Ongoing
Monitoring our greenhouse gas emissions annually and seeking to reduce them. We will continue to recertify annually and monitor our emissions.	Done and Ongoing
We have reduced advertising printing and associated emissions by 90% since the CY20221. This was achieved by minimising print and focusing on digital advertising.	Done and Ongoing

## 5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

### Emissions over time

Emissions since base year			
		Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e (without uplift)	Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e (with uplift)
Base Year / Year 1:	2021	176.4 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	185.3 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Year 2:	2022	173.9 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	182.7 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Year 3:	2023	175.6 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	184.3 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Year 4:	2024	153.9 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	161.7 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Year 5:	2025	150.9 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	158.5 tCO <sub>2</sub> e

### Significant changes in emissions

Significant changes in emissions			
Emission source	Previous year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Current year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Reason for change
Advertising services	7.32	18.01	Increase in marketing spend

### Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products, services, buildings or precincts

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
Virgin	Carbon Neutral Flight offsets

## Emissions summary

The electricity summary is available in Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a market-based approach.

Emission category	Scope 1 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 2 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 3 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Total emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Cleaning and chemicals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	0.00	55.66	55.66
Food	0.00	0.00	8.99	8.99
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	3.75	3.75
Machinery and vehicles	0.00	0.00	3.77	3.77
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	2.55	2.55
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.25
Professional services	0.00	0.00	46.00	46.00
Refrigerants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationary energy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport (air)	0.00	0.00	2.51	2.51
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	15.16	15.16
Waste	0.00	0.00	8.27	8.27
Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Working from home	0.00	0.00	2.99	2.99
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>150.92</b>	<b>150.92</b>

## Uplift factors

An uplift factor is an upwards adjustment to the total carbon inventory to account for relevant emissions that cannot be reasonably quantified or estimated. This conservative accounting approach helps ensure the integrity of the carbon neutral claim.

Reason for uplift factor	tCO <sub>2</sub> -e
Mandatory 5% uplift for small organisations	7.54
Total of all uplift factors (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	7.54
<b>Total emissions footprint to offset (tCO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b> <i>(total emissions from summary table + total of all uplift factors)</i>	<b>158.46</b>

## 6. CARBON OFFSETS

### Eligible offsets retirement summary

Offsets retired for Climate Active certification

Type of offset unit	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total units used
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	159	100%

Project name	Type of offset unit	Registry	Date retired	Serial number	Vintage	Total quantity retired	Quantity used in previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total used this reporting period
Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Project – Indonesia	VCU	Verra Registry	28/04/2026	<a href="#">9900-158213773-158213931-VCS-VCU-263-VER-ID-14-674-01012018-31122018-1</a>	2018	159	0	0	159	100.00%
<b>Offset Totals:</b>						159	0	0	159	100.00%



This is to certify that

# Monash Graduate Association

has permanently surrendered

**159 tonnes**

of

**Avoided Deforestation** - Rimba Raya project, Indonesia  
VCS VCU carbon credits.

Thank you for making a difference to our planet and future generations by combating climate change.



Encouraging positive social, environmental and economic change with solutions that help overcome the effects of the climate crisis.

Carbon Neutral Pty Ltd is regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and holds Australian Financial Services Licence Number 451004

Dr Phil Ireland | Chief Executive Officer

**Issue Date:** 28 April 2026 | **Emissions Period:** 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

**Serial numbers (inclusive):** 9900-158213773-158213931-VCS-VCU-263-VER-ID-14-674-01012018-31122018-1

## Co-benefits

# Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Project, Indonesia

This project aims to protect tropical forests in Central Kalimantan on the Indonesian part of the island of Borneo.

**Vintage:** 2018

### Surrender of Offsets

Carbon Neutral periodically surrenders offsets *purchased online* in batches. Therefore, the names of purchasing entities will not be identifiable and purchasers will not be provided with individual serial numbers for transactions made online.

-  **Project Type** Avoided deforestation
-  **Location** Central Kalimantan, Indonesian Borneo
-  **Standard** Verra Carbon Standard
-  **Estimated Reduction** 127,330,645 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e over 30 year project lifetime

The fact sheet detailing this project and its co-benefits can be found at this link.

<https://carbonneutral.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Verra-VCS-REDD-Rimba-Raya-Project-Factsheet.pdf>

## 7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

### Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

The following RECs have been surrendered to reduce electricity emissions under the market-based reporting method.

1. Large-scale Generation certificates (LGCs)*	0
2. Insert any other eligible RECs used. Each different type of eligible REC must be on a new row. Add new rows as necessary. If you have used other eligible RECs, you must include their details in the table below. If you have not used any other eligible RECs, delete this row.	0

\* LGCs in this table only include those surrendered voluntarily (including through PPA arrangements), and does not include those surrendered in relation to the LRET, GreenPower, and jurisdictional renewables.

Project supported by LGC purchase	Project location	Eligible unit type	Registry	Surrender date	Accreditation code	Certificate serial number	Generation year	Fuel source	Quantity (MWh)
<b>Total LGCs surrendered this report and used in this report</b>									<b>0</b>

# APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/a

## APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

There are two international best-practice methods for calculating electricity emissions – the location-based method and the market-based method. Reporting electricity emissions under both methods is called dual reporting.

Dual reporting of electricity emissions is useful, as it provides different perspectives of the emissions associated with a business’s electricity usage.

Location-based method:

The location-based method provides a picture of a business’s electricity emissions in the context of its location, and the emissions intensity of the electricity grid it relies on. It reflects the average emissions intensity of the electricity grid in the location (State) in which energy consumption occurs. The location-based method does not allow for any claims of renewable electricity from grid-imported electricity usage.

Market-based method:

The market-based method provides a picture of a business’s electricity emissions in the context of its renewable energy investments. It reflects the emissions intensity of different electricity products, markets and investments. It uses a residual mix factor (RMF) to allow for unique claims on the zero emissions attribute of renewables without double-counting.

For this certification, electricity emissions have been set by using the **market-based approach**

<b>Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control</b>	0%
<b>Explain how you determined the percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control</b>	The organisation is gifted rooms to support students from across 3 campus’s. They have no control over the energy procurement, or any operational control other than plug in appliances.

Market Based Approach Summary			
Market Based Approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Renewable Percentage of total
Behind the meter consumption of renewable electricity generated	0	0	0%
<b>Total non-grid renewable electricity</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
LGC purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	0	0	0%

Climate Active certified - Precinct/Building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Climate Active certified - Electricity products jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	13,199	0	18%
Residual electricity	60,495	55,656	0%
<b>Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>13,199</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Total grid electricity</b>	<b>73,694</b>	<b>55,656</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Total electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>73,694</b>	<b>55,656</b>	<b>18%</b>
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	0%		
<b>Residual electricity consumption under operational control</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Scope 2	0	0	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	0	0	
<b>Residual electricity consumption not under operational control</b>	<b>60,495</b>	<b>55,656</b>	
Scope 3	60,495	55,656	

<b>Total renewables (grid and non-grid)</b>	<b>17.91%</b>
<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>17.91%</b>
<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Behind the meter</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>55.66</b>
<b>Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>55.66</b>
<b>Total emissions liability (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>55.66</b>

Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%

### Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts	Electricity consumed in Climate Active certified building/precinct (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
	0	0

*Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their building or precinct certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the building/precinct under the market based method is outlined as such in the market based summary table.*

**Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products**

Climate Active carbon neutral product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
	0	0
<i>Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their electricity product certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the electricity product under the market based method is outlined as such in the market based summary table.</i>		

<b>Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control</b>	100%
<b>Explain how you determined the percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control</b>	

Location Based Approach Summary						
Location Based Approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
		(kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
<b>Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control</b>	100%					
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	73,694	73,694	56,744	6,632	0	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0

TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)</b>	<b>73,694</b>	<b>73,694</b>	<b>56,744</b>	<b>6,632</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
ACT	0	0	0	0		
NSW	0	0	0	0		
SA	0	0	0	0		
VIC	0	0	0	0		
QLD	0	0	0	0		
NT	0	0	0	0		
WA	0	0	0	0		
TAS	0	0	0	0		
<b>Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Total electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>73,694</b>					

<b>Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>56.74</b>
<b>Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>6.63</b>
<b>Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>56.74</b>
<b>Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>6.63</b>
<b>Total emissions liability (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>63.38</b>

# APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

The following emissions sources have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. They have been non-quantified due to one of the following reasons:

1. **Immaterial** <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively
2. **Cost effective** Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.
3. **Data unavailable** Data is unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.
4. **Maintenance** Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified.

Relevant non-quantified emission sources	Justification reason
Water	Immaterial

## Data management plan for non-quantified sources

There are no non-quantified sources in the emission boundary that require a data management plan.

## APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

### Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to this organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Emissions that do not meet two or more conditions of the relevance test can be excluded from the emissions boundary.

Emissions tested for relevance are detailed below against each of the following criteria:

1. **Size** The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.
2. **Influence** The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.
3. **Risk** The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.
4. **Stakeholders** Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.
5. **Outsourcing** The emissions are from outsourced activities previously undertaken within the organisation's boundary, or from outsourced activities typically undertaken within the boundary for comparable organisations.

## Excluded emissions sources summary

Emission sources tested for relevance	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
None						



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