

Summary of carboNZero certification:



Four Acres Limited

"Four Acres Limited meets the requirements of carboNZero^{Cert™} certification having measured its greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with ISO 14064-1:2006; committed to managing and reducing its emissions; and neutralised its remaining unavoidable emissions through the cancellation of an appropriate number of verified carbon credits in respect of the operational activities of its organisation."



Introduction¹ – Four Acres Limited was founded in 2003, with a goal to make the internet easy to understand and affordable to small businesses in New Zealand. Four Acres Limited currently host over 400 websites within its server hosting environment which consists of 9 managed DELL and HP Servers, which consume over 500Gb of traffic per month (of which 1/3 is international traffic). Four Acres Limited also looks after over 600 domains (with or without email services). Four Acres Limited constantly seeks to improve our hosting and email services to our clients. Four Acres Limited supports clients in 24 countries worldwide and has written websites running in 12 different languages, demonstrating it is truly a multi-national business.

Boundary – The boundary for the preparation of Four Acres Limited's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is for one site. All business activities have been included.

Consolidation approach – Operational control

Base year – 01/04/2009 to 31/03/2010

Measurement period – 01/04/2010 to 31/03/2011

Emissions source inclusions – The diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for Four Acres Limited by emissions source. Four Acres Limited's total emissions for this period were 30.50 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (tCO₂e) comprising:

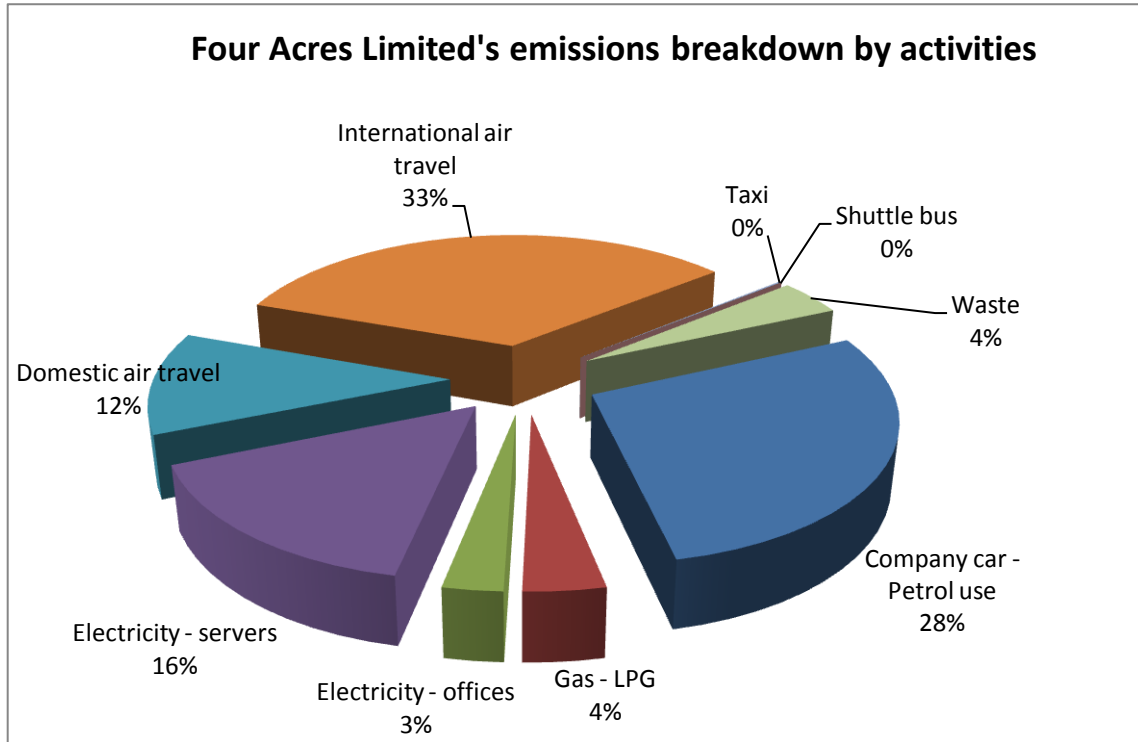
Scope 1: 9.79 tCO₂e

Scope 2: 0.83 tCO₂e

Scope 3: 19.88 tCO₂e

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Emissions source exclusions – Postage and ferry rides were excluded based on the Programme's *de minimis* rule.

Emissions reduction commitments – Four Acres Limited has developed a GHG emissions reduction plan. Some projects in this plan include:

- Reduce international air travel to one return flight per year
- Reduce fuel use by 5%
- Reduce electricity consumption by 2.5%

Emissions reductions and removals

Base year GHG emissions = 18.12 tonnes CO₂e

GHG emissions calculated for this reporting period = 30.50 tonnes CO₂e

Difference in GHG emissions = 12.38 tonnes CO₂e

Additional comments or notes: We experienced growth in the business and conducted more international travel as we run a Spanish Catering company and this travel was essential. We do not envisage any travel to Europe this financial/reporting year. This year also included electricity related to data server which was not included in base year calculation, hence the increase in emissions.

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Offset – 31 tCO₂e. EBEX21 Native Forest Regeneration Projects compliance units from the Permanent Forest Sinks Initiative. Serial numbers 801886-801916 have been cancelled on the New Zealand Emissions Unit Register.

Verified by – carboNZero Strategic Business Unit

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

Level of assurance – Reasonable assurance

Certification status – carboNZero certified “organisation”

Certificate number – 2011101J

Valid until – 31 July 2014

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