

7th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference

7th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference 2011, meets the requirements of carboNZero^{Cert™} certification having put in place a greenhouse gas emissions management plan prior to the event, measured the emissions in accordance with the requirements of ISO 14064-1:2006 during the event and neutralised the remaining unavoidable emissions through cancellation of an appropriate number of verified carbon credits in respect of the event held in Wellington on 01-02/08/2011.



Introduction¹ – The 7th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference 2011 (CCBC 11) was held in Wellington, New Zealand on 1 - 2 August 2011. It was organised by the Climate Change and Business Centre and Point Carbon. The CCBC 11 is the pre-eminent climate change conference for business in this region, designed by business for business. The conference serves as the major gathering point for business leaders and chief policy makers and allows exchange of information across the Tasman.

The key conference themes were:

- What has been the impact of a carbon price in NZ and learnings for Australia
- Carbon price impacts on agriculture, energy markets and land use
- Business action on CO₂ emissions amongst our key trading partners
- Policy development internationally and potential impact on our region
- The necessity of adaptation and some best practice case studies
- Practical learnings from key areas, including product carbon footprinting, gaining marketing leverage from low carbon investments, designing and reviewing carbon pricing.

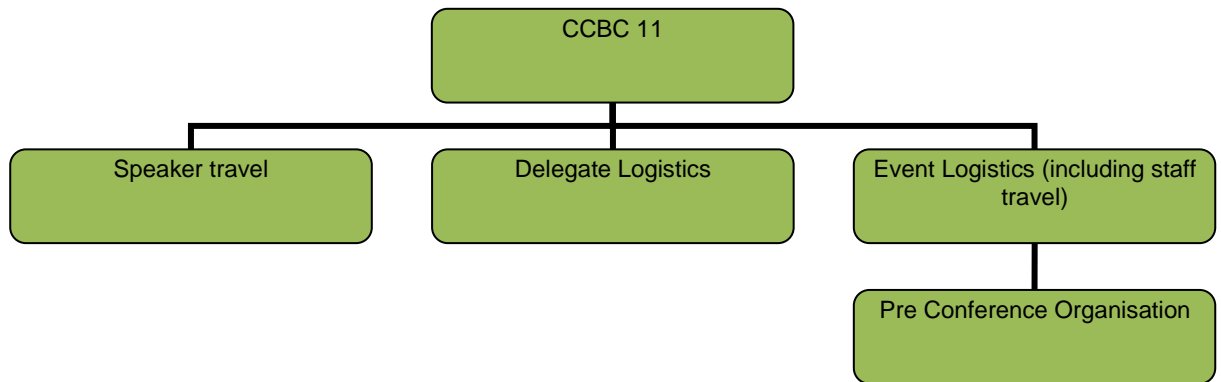
A total of 295 delegates and 62 speakers attended the conference.

This is the fourth year the conference has been carboNZero certified. The first carboNZero certification was the 2008 conference held in Auckland.

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.

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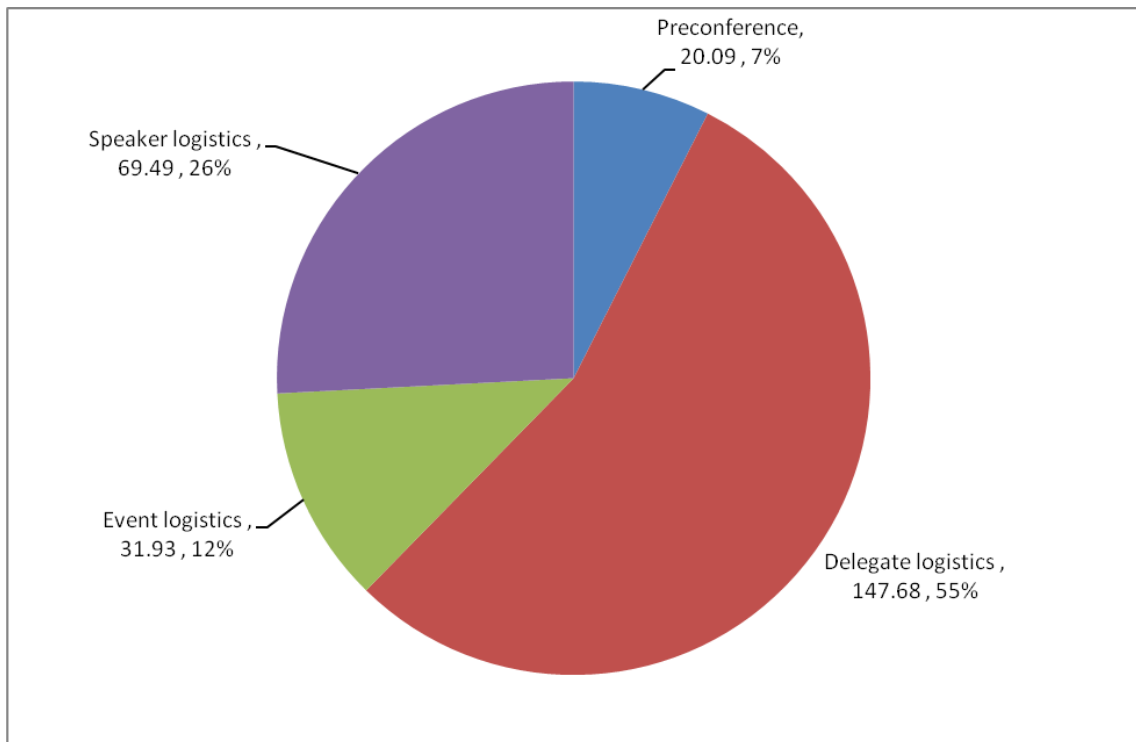
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Consolidation approach – operational control

Event Period – 1/08/2011 to 2/08/2011

GHG emissions source inclusions – The diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for the Climate Change and Business Conference 2011 by emissions source. The Conferences total emissions for this period were 269.19 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) all comprising of Scope 3. The following graph is of GHG emissions by business activity (tCO₂e, %).



GHG emissions source exclusions –

- Event Organiser office energy use – data was unable to be obtained and was judged likely to be insignificant
- Event Catering – Emissions related to catering were proven to be *de minimis*

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- Attendee Travel (when travelling by air) to and from place of residence to airport was excluded as it was considered outside of scope of the event boundary.

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

- Selected the Wellington Town Hall which has been recently refurbished and is run by Wellington Venues which is committed to operating sustainable events. Being located in New Zealand, the energy sources are primarily renewable.
- Worked with the venue to minimise energy use, including:
 - Kept heat/air conditioning at minimum acceptable comfort level
 - Major rooms not in use had automated sensor for turning off lights Use video links for some of the overseas travellers
- Reduce emissions associated with delegate travel by;
 - Selected venue that is within major business and policy hub and therefore close to large percentage of delegates. 68% of delegates came from New Zealand.
 - Use video links for some of the overseas travellers
 - Good public transport is available in Wellington and information on what services were available was emailed to all registered delegates.
 - Arrangements were made with Wellington Combined Taxis, a carboNZero certified taxi service, to be the preferred taxi service of the conference. We advised Wellington Combined of the likely flights delegates would be on (particularly those from Australia) and advised delegates, via email, to look for Wellington Combined and use them wherever possible.
 - The accommodation promoted by the Conference was within easy walking distance of the event. The Amora Hotel was across the street and the West Plaza Hotel was a 3 minute walk.
 - The website advised of the carboNZero status of the event and suggested delegates support the cause by off-setting their travel, with details provided for carboNZero.

GHG emissions reduction report against last year's plan – This is the fourth time the event has been carboNZero certified. The 2009 event (held in Melbourne Australia) emitted 539 tCO₂e and the 2008 event (held in Auckland, New Zealand) emitted 297 tCO₂e. The 2010 event had a total of 251 tCO₂e, whilst the 2011 event had 269 tCO₂e.

See table below for more information.

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total tCO ₂ e	297.44	538.88	250.61	269.19
Number of delegates	417	502	341	295
tCO ₂ e per delegate	0.71	1.07	0.73	0.91

Offset – 143 tonnes CO₂e. Te Apiti Wind Farm GS VERs. Serial numbers GS1-1-NZ-338-12-2007-3-101651 to GS1-1-NZ-338-12-2007-3-101772 have been cancelled (or equivalent) on Markit Environmental Registry. In line with the carboNZero programme principles and

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approach for events, emissions from attendee travel were excluded from the offset required for certification.

Verified by – carboNZero Holdings Limited

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

Level of assurance – Limited assurance

Certification status – carboNZero certified “conference” covering the organiser, event and delegate logistics of the conference.

Certificate number – 2011195J

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