

# Summary of carboNZero certification:



## NZOQ National Conference 2008

*The NZOQ 2008 conference meets the requirements of carboNZero<sup>Cert™</sup> certification having measured and reduced its greenhouse gas emissions and mitigated its remaining unavoidable emissions in respect of the event held in Queenstown on 22-24 October 2008.*



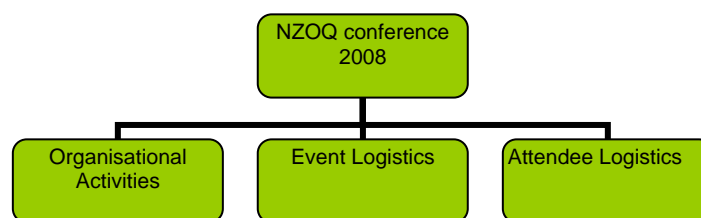
**Introduction<sup>1</sup>** – The NZOQ is a national body with its headquarters in Palmerston North and regional groups throughout the country. It is a member based non-profit organisation which provides training and education in quality management for both its members and the industry as a whole.

The NZOQ conference 08 was held in Queenstown from 22 – 24 October. The aim of the two-day event was to help business leaders and quality professionals learn and implement sustainable business processes.

The conference comprised a schedule of events for delegates, speakers and exhibitors. The conference included an opening and closing ceremonies, exhibition, welcome luncheon, social evening and conference dinner. All events were held at the Rydges Lakeside Resort, Queenstown apart from the networking evening which was held at Moonlight Country Lodge (19 km from Queenstown).

More information on the conference can be found at [www.nzoq.org.nz](http://www.nzoq.org.nz).

**Boundary** – the diagram below shows the organisational structure used for describing the conferences greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, and what business units were included in the carboNZero certification. Yellow business units were excluded from the certification.



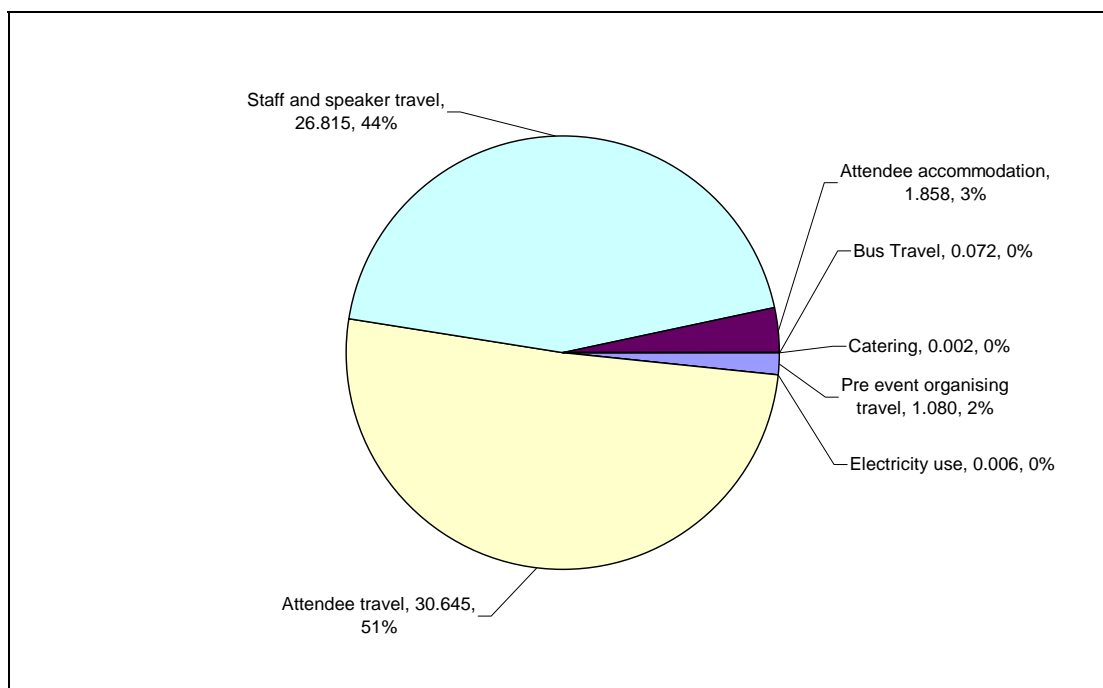
**Consolidation approach** – operational control

**Event Period** – 22/10/2008 – 24/10/2008

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**GHG emissions source inclusions** – the diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for the NZOQ 2008 conference by emissions source. The conference's total emissions for this period were 60.48 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e) comprising 0.64 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e Scope 1, 0.01 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e Scope 2 and 59.83 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e Scope 3 emissions.



**GHG emissions source exclusions** – Emissions excluded from the inventory include

- Office based organisational activities (due to lack of data)
- Paper use at conference (due to lack of data - all material was provided to conference attendees on USB sticks)
- Waste at conference (due to lack of data)
- Freight of goods to/from conference (less than 1% of emissions)

**GHG emissions reduction commitments** – Organisers of the NZOQ conference developed a GHG emissions reduction plan. Some projects in this plan include:

- Use of electronic information dissemination rather than paper
- Choosing a venue with an environmental policy
- Encouraging car pooling at the conference

**Offset** – 61 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e. VERs<sup>2</sup> from PRE<sup>3</sup> windpower projects. Serial numbers 324360-324420 have been cancelled on the carboNZero programme registry.

<sup>2</sup> VERs are created by eligible projects for emissions reductions achieved up to the end of 2007.

<sup>3</sup> PRE - Projects to Reduce Emissions is a New Zealand government scheme for projects that are eligible under the Joint Implementation initiative of the Kyoto Protocol – see [www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz)

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**Verified by** – Prescott Horn

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

**Level of assurance** – limited assurance

**Certification status** – carboNZero certified “event” covering the organisation, set-up, running and travel logistics of attendees.

**Certificate number** – 2009023

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