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Organ and Tissue Authority Emissions Reduction Plan

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Organ and Tissue Authority acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the of the lands on which we work, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Emissions Reduction Plan

PURPOSE

The Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA) is responsible for managing and implementing emissions reduction initiatives set by the Australian Government's [Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy](#) (the Strategy) developed by Department of Finance. The Strategy sets out the Australian Government's approach to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions from its operations by 2030 and the reinstatement of public emissions reporting.

The goal of this Emissions Reduction Plan is to provide a pathway for the Organ and Tissue Authority to contribute to the achievement of the APS Net Zero 2030 target through emissions reduction activities. This plan encompasses existing and new priorities and actions within the Organ and Tissue Authority to reduce emissions.

This Emissions Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with the Strategy, associated guidance and reporting standards for annual emissions reporting.

NET ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

APS Net Zero 2030 is the target set by the Australian Government to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions from government operations by the year 2030. It includes scope 1 and scope 2 emissions from activities in Australia and its territories, as described in the Strategy. The APS Net Zero 2030 target applies at the aggregate level to non-corporate Commonwealth entities and generally covers the entirety of the entity's organisation. From an organisational perspective, this means minimising the greenhouse gas emissions that are within our control.

GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING

Progress against actions identified within this Emissions Reduction Plan, and any additional measures adopted, will be included in our annual reports. This, combined with annual emissions reporting, will be used as a measure of the Organ and Tissue Authority progress towards reducing its emissions.

As part of the Net Zero in Government Operations Annual Progress Report, the Department of Finance will aggregate these measures to provide whole-of-Australian Government emissions reporting.

THE ORGAN AND TISSUE AUTHORITY OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

The OTA is an extra-small agency within the Australian Government Health and Aged Care portfolio. On behalf of the Australian Government, we lead the national DonateLife program to increase organ and tissue donation and transplantation in partnership with the DonateLife Network, state and territory governments, organ donation and transplantation clinical sectors, eye and tissue sectors, and the community. Our purpose is to save and improve the lives of more Australians through organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

Our main environmental impact comes from office space energy consumption. Our office is located in Canberra, where we lease a single floor of office space in a building shared by many tenants. The OTA is unable to directly control or significantly influence building operations.

The OTA works with stakeholders in all states and territories and staff are often required to travel in the course of their duties. All staff travel is undertaken utilising the Whole of Government Travel Arrangements which includes travel management services, domestic and international air travel services and domestic accommodation.

The OTA fully participates in Whole of Government procurement processes and selects providers from established panels wherever possible.

The OTA does not own or operate any fleet vehicles.

BASELINE EMISSIONS

Baseline emissions are a record of greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. The baseline emissions from financial year 2022–23 are the reference point against which emissions reduction actions can be measured.

The baseline emissions for this plan focus on scope 1 and scope 2 emissions, consistent with the APS Net Zero 2030 target. Electricity-related emissions were calculated using the location-based method. The complete 2022–23 greenhouse gas emissions inventory tables for the Organ and Tissue Authority are presented on page 76 of our 2022–23 Annual Report.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory – Location-based method (2022–23)

Emission source	Scope 1 kg CO ₂ -e	Scope 2 kg CO ₂ -e	Scope 3 kg CO ₂ -e	Total kg CO ₂ -e
Electricity (location-based approach)	N/A	26,317	2,163	28,480
Natural gas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fleet vehicles	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Domestic flights	N/A	N/A	68,711	68,711
Other energy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total kg CO₂-e	N/A	26,317	70,874	97,191

The electricity emissions reported above are calculated using the location-based approach. When applying the market-based method, which accounts for activities such as Greenpower, purchased large-scale generation certificates and/or being located in the ACT, the total emissions for electricity are below:

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory – Market-based method (2022–23)

Emission source	Scope 1 kg CO ₂ -e	Scope 2 kg CO ₂ -e	Scope 3 kg CO ₂ -e	Total kg CO ₂ -e
Electricity (Market-based approach)	N/A	2,150	284	2,434
Natural gas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fleet vehicles	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Domestic flights	N/A	N/A	68,711	68,711
Other energy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total kg CO₂-e	N/A	2,150	68,996	71,145

CO₂-e = Carbon dioxide equivalent

ENGAGEMENT

In the development of this plan the Organ and Tissue Authority has been working with:

- Department of Finance – Climate Action in Government Operations – to ensure that this plan aligns with the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy and the Commonwealth Climate Disclosure requirements.

EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS

The Organ and Tissue Authority is following the APS Net Zero 2030 target in full, as per the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy. The target covers the entirety of our entity's operations within Australia and its territories for scope 1 and scope 2 emissions, as described in the Strategy.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

For the Organ and Tissue Authority to contribute to the achievement of the APS Net Zero 2030 target, targeted action on existing emissions reduction measures and the introduction of further or new measures is required. These actions are summarised below:

Activity	Actions to improve	Timeframe
Electricity procurement	Procure renewable energy through participating in the whole-of-government arrangement renewable electricity procurement. Ongoing for new contracts.	Ongoing
Energy efficiency measures	Use of energy efficient lighting solutions including sensor lights and LED.	Ongoing
Support a circular economy	Reuse, repair, refurbish and use of recycled content where possible.	During 2024-25
Paper	Purchase 100% recycled paper for internal printers.	Ongoing
Travel	Ensure the travel policy is updated to enable and encourage low-emission sources of transport. Work with staff responsible for booking travel to ensure they consider energy ratings in the Online Booking Tool once available under the Whole-of-Government arrangements.	During 2024-25
People, culture, and capability	Provide advice to staff to raise awareness of environmentally responsible behaviour.	Ongoing