

Cancer Australia Emissions Reduction Plan

Acknowledgement of Country

Cancer Australia 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.

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The Australian Government released the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy in November 2023, setting out the overall approach and action required by Commonwealth entities to achieve the APS Net Zero 2030 target.

The Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy represents a strong commitment by the Australian Government to lead by example on emissions reduction and contribute to the decarbonisation of Australia's economy.

Cancer Australia is committed to the achievement of the Government's APS Net Zero 2030 target. Cancer Australia is following the APS Net Zero 2030 target in full, as per the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy.

This Emissions Reduction Plan describes the priorities and actions Cancer Australia is taking to reduce our operational emissions and contribute to the APS Net Zero 2030 target.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Keefe'.

Professor Dorothy Keefe PSM MD

Chief Executive Officer

Emissions Reduction Plan

Purpose

Cancer Australia 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 Cancer Australia 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 Cancer Australia 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 Cancer Australia's 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.

Cancer Australia Operational context

Cancer Australia is a "Non-Corporate" Commonwealth Entity which operates across ACT and NSW, with approximately 80 personnel. Cancer Australia's facilities include office spaces both situated in managed environments.

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 Cancer Australia are presented in our 2022-23 annual report.

Baseline year	Financial year 2022-23
Scope 1 emissions	N/A
Scope 2 emissions	28 tCO _{2e}
Total emissions	28 tCO _{2e}

The above emission figures are location based.

Engagement

In the development of this plan Cancer Australia 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
 - Travel Team – to discuss options and considerations for lowering travel emissions
- Department of Health & Aged Care to identify options to lower emissions across the portfolio.

Emissions reduction targets

Cancer Australia 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 Cancer Australia 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 in the following points, with further detail provided below:

- Improving building standards by asking Cancer Australia's landlord to implement energy efficient actions for lighting, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning)
- Sustainable procurement, we will review Cancer Australia procurement policy to align it with the Commonwealth Environmentally Sustainable Policy.

In addition we will:

- Further reduce the levels of printing and paper usage
- Review all office equipment to ensure energy star ratings

Buildings

Cancer Australia leases office space under 1000sq metres, therefore NZGO Strategy Building requirements do not apply.

Electricity

Cancer Australia is currently on a Department of Defence electricity contract which expires on 30 June 2025.

Renewable electricity

ACTION: Cancer Australia will independently sign up to the WoAG renewable energy electricity contract upon expiry of the current contract and when the WoAG renewable energy electricity contract becomes available in the jurisdiction in which we have offices.

Fleet

Cancer Australia does not have Fleet vehicles. If Cancer Australia leases fleet vehicles in the future it will comply with NZGO strategy requirements.

Involved participants

The following areas of Cancer Australia have been involved in the development of this plan:

Division	Branch
Corporate Travel Management	Sydney
Evolve FM	Sydney
Climate Action in Government Operations	Sydney

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