

### Why?

***We care. Together we can make a difference.***

Austral Fisheries is continuing its journey of high quality, sustainable seafood by becoming carbon neutral.

We care about our staff and our crew, the fish we catch and sell, and we care about the environment.

Together with our customers, suppliers, and other industry leaders, we can make a difference to the way we provide seafood for the future.

### What is Carbon Neutral?

Being carbon neutral, means we are constantly looking for ways to reduce our carbon emissions and, where we cannot eliminate them, we have invested in programs that absorb (sequester) the same amount of carbon that we emit. This is known as “offsetting” our carbon use, to achieve a net zero carbon emission. In our case, the vast majority our emissions (over 85%) is from using diesel fuel on our fishing vessels, with the rest made up of electricity in our offices; staff and crew travel; transport of our products around the world; and so on.

Being certified under the Australian Government’s Carbon Neutral Program is based on an annual cycle of measuring, reducing, offsetting and reporting. To adhere to the Program, we must:

1. Measure the amount of carbon dioxide that we produce each year;
2. Monitor and reduce emissions where ever possible;
3. Purchase and cancel “eligible offset units” to offset the remaining emissions;
4. Have all steps subjected to independent periodic audit; and
5. Transparently report the steps taken, so the public can objectively assess our carbon neutral claim.

We will also encourage our suppliers and customers to do the same.

### How?

To offset emissions, we have purchased *Gold Standard* carbon offset units from a Western Australian company, Carbon Neutral Pty Ltd who began planting trees in 2008 in the eastern wheat belt area of WA, under a native reforestation program. This area was cleared for farming around 50 years ago, but has now been reclaimed and will become revegetated with mixed native species, in turn, allowing native insects, birds, and animals to move back into this area, while also creating local and indigenous jobs in the region. The offsets we purchase are the equivalent of around 220,000 trees per annum.

### Our Carbon Footprint

We have measured and calculated our carbon footprint, which has been independently audited by Ernst and Young, and certified by the Australian Government.

In 2017:

- we used 8,194,049 L of diesel fuel on our vessels;
- our total direct catch was 3,741 t of processed fish and prawns;
- our total carbon footprint was 32,225 t CO<sub>2</sub>-e; and
- our emissions intensity was 8.61 t CO<sub>2</sub>-e per tonne of fish and prawns caught.



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