

NET ZERO CARBON UPDATE

ANZ has been Net Zero Carbon for our business operations since 2010. In 2017 alone we reduced our global carbon footprint by almost 9%. We achieved this through ongoing efforts to achieve carbon, energy, water and waste savings through building upgrades and employee engagement.

The remaining carbon emissions were offset through projects which deliver co-benefits for the people living in communities across the markets where we operate. One of the three projects ANZ sponsored in 2017 was the Arnhem Land Fire Abatement.

More than 770,000 tonnes of CO2 avoided

Over 100 Jobs created

Frequency of the projects covering 80,000km2

The Arnhem Land Fire Abatement Project, undertaken by ALFA (NT) Ltd, is owned exclusively by Indigenous people with custodial responsibility for those parts of Arnhem Land under active bushfire management.

Arnhem Land, located in Australia's Northern Territory, experiences devastating bushfires that affect people, plants and animals. To reduce the frequency and severity of these bushfires, local rangers conduct controlled burns early in the dry season to reduce fuel on the ground and establish a mosaic of natural firebreaks. These actions prevent bigger, hotter and uncontrolled fires later in the season.

Reinstating traditional firestick farming has demonstrated a significant reduction in carbon emissions along with highly valued social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits for the Traditional Custodians.

This project provides employment and training opportunities while supporting Indigenous people in returning to, remaining on and managing their country as well as the preservation and transfer of knowledge, the maintenance of Aboriginal languages and the wellbeing of Traditional Custodians.

*ANZ's environmental reporting for year ending 30 June