



Gold Standard[®]
for the Global Goals

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 09/02/2024

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request is approved.

1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?

No

B. To be completed by the Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB requesting deviation (Submit deviation request form in Microsoft Word format)

2 | Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_622 - GS3039	
Date of decision	09-02-2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details		
Date of submission	07/02/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GS3039
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Australian Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Project	
Date of listing		
GS Standard version applicable	Gold Standard for the Global Goals	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	March 2018	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	June 2015	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) Australia	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/524	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Late submission of Annual Report	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	101_V1.2_PAR_Principles-Requirements Version 1.2 Paragraph 5.1.39	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/01/2022 End date 31/12/2022	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Nevin Wittber	
	Email ID: nevin.wittber@carbonneutral.com.au	
	Organisation: Carbon Neutral Pty Ltd	
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name: VVB Staff name(s):</p>
<p>Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

**Guidance* Use the space below to describe the deviation and substantiate the reason for requesting deviation from applicable rules/requirements. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. You are requested to follow the principles for requesting deviations, given in the [Deviation Approval Procedure/ Design Change Requirements](#).*

3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

The Annual Report for calendar year 2022 was not submitted by the due date of 31/12/2023 but was submitted on 22/1/2024.

Carbon Neutral experienced significant demand for the development of projects during 2023, which stressed staff resources and management systems. During restructuring of the organisation’s project and management staff capacity, development of a new project management/tracking system was slower than anticipated. This resulted in the notification of the deadline for the Annual Report being received too late for submission before the deadline. However, as soon as the notification had been issued, the report was completed and prepared for submission. This was an isolated occurrence and advance notification has now been established with sufficient time to ensure future Annual Reports are prepared and submitted prior to the deadline.

Approval of this deviation is sought as there has been no deviation from any other part of the applicable rules/requirements for this project. The project continues to operate as per the approved design and requirements.

3.1.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

Not applicable.

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

**Guidance* Use the space below to describe how the deviation complies with the requirements, and, where applicable, the accuracy, completeness and conservativeness is ensured. Please include all relevant information in support of the request.*

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

This deviation does not affect any compliance with existing activity requirements, and does not affect any of the commitments or permanence obligations of the project's operations and outcomes.

3.2.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

Not applicable.

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

**Guidance* Use the space below to describe the impact of the deviation on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.*

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

There is no impact of the deviation on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project.

3.3.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

**Guidance* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB’s opinion.*

Not applicable.

3.4 | Documents:

**Guidance* List of documents provided (note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form along with supporting documents will be made public on the Gold Standard website. If any of the supporting documents are confidential, please indicate here to ensure they are omitted.)*

The 2022 Annual Report is provided but there are no other additional documents.

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - date of listing, design certification, transition - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption