



Recent Upgrade to EarthCheck

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You might have heard that Kaikoura District Council recently upgraded from Green Globe to EarthCheck for our sustainability certification and benchmarking needs.

This move signals a deepening of our company's commitment to sustainable tourism practices, and aligns us with the world's largest certifier of sustainable travel and tourism businesses and communities.

The move sees us join the ranks of hospitality giants such as InterContinental Hotel Group (IHG), Carlson Asia Pacific, Sandals Resorts International, Langham Hotels International, Banyan Tree, Alila, Six Senses and Dusit; all of whom use the science-based environmental management tool to minimize their environmental footprints.

Since starting out along the path to sustainability, we have made many achievements and embarked on a number of innovative and exciting initiatives. The move to EarthCheck is a natural part of this evolutionary process, and will ensure that we continue to operate according to the highest of international standards.

The EarthCheck Program responds directly to the major environmental problems facing the planet; including climate change, waste reduction and non-renewable resource management. The program will enable us to independently calculate Scopes One, Two and (soon) Three emissions.

EarthCheck complies with Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Greenhouse Gas Protocol, and the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) 14064 range of standards for greenhouse gas accounting.

EarthCheck will continue to provide us with an operational framework to increase efficiencies, maximise the benefits of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, and minimise environmental impacts.

Should you have any questions regarding the move or the EarthCheck Program, please contact Rachel Vaughan or refer to the FAQs online at <http://my.earthcheck.org/resources/EarthCheck-Upgrade-FAQs-for-Members.pdf>