

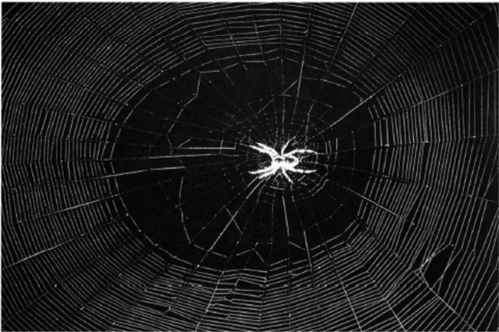
The Pathways towards Zero Carbon for Tensioned Membrane Architecture: ongoing actions and next steps

Lightweight structures should be more sustainable compared to conventional materials and methods of construction. How do we prove this? Lightweight Footprint are establishing a platform for the lightweight structures community to make embodied carbon reduction commitments. Attendees will leave with the knowledge of being able to:

1. Access current EPD data for tensioned membranes
2. Establish realistic and achievable embodied carbon targets for tensioned membrane structures
3. Declare your organization's commitment to reduce embodied carbon

IS NATURE NET ZERO?
World Wide Web

SPIDERS' WEBS
A collaboration between Peter Rice, Ove Arup & Partners and Dr. Fritz Vollrath



"When I was invited by Fritz Vollrath and his team at the Zoology Department of Oxford University to join him exploring how spiders' webs work, I accepted immediately. Open ended research leads to the most exciting results and stimulus. So far we have discovered that the spider is using the techniques of the late 20th century engineer, but with much more elegance and precision. Here too we are at the beginning." *PR 92*

EXPLORING
MATERIALS

The work of Peter Rice
Royal Gold Medallist 1992

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Is nature net zero?

Peter Rice: *"...it will soon be possible to build very light, highly elastic structures which actively adapt to their changing environment"*

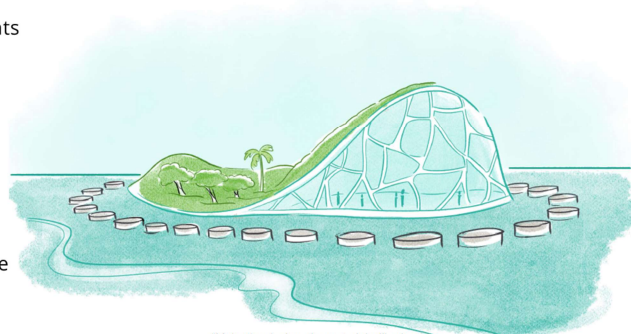
net zero (human concept) = a target of completely negating the amount of greenhouse gases produced by human activity, to be achieved by reducing emissions and implementing methods of absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

2024:

- Develop website
- Invite to industry participants
- Template Declarations
- Launch Website
- ECAPs & Collect data

2025:

- Promote website
- Solicit more industry colleagues to join with commitment letters
- Improve & Maintain website
- Collect & manage data - embodied carbon tracking and comparison studies



"Make the design, the material will adapt"

Reduce the embodied carbon of lightweight structures

Lightweight Footprint

2 Year Plan - Nohmura Foundation Grant

Q1 2024 (January-March):

Engage website designer and establish website

Draft invitation to industry participants

Write template commitment letters - different commitment letters for designers (architects & engineers), suppliers, academics & researchers, organizations, etc.

Draft embodied carbon action plan (ECAP) examples

Q2 2024 (April-June):

Continue to develop website

Solicit industry colleagues to join leadership team – at least five established industry partners

Q3 2024 (July-September):

Launch website, Promote website

Solicit industry to join with commitment letters, Circulate template commitment letters

Distribute embodied carbon action plan (ECAP) examples

Improve & Maintain website

Collect & manage data – embodied carbon tracking and comparison studies

Q4 2024 (October-December):

Promote website

Solicit more industry colleagues to join with commitment letters

Evaluate embodied carbon action plans (ECAP)

Improve & Maintain website

Collect & manage data – embodied carbon tracking and comparison studies

Q1-Q4 2025 (January-December):

Promote website

Solicit more industry colleagues to join with commitment letters

Improve & Maintain website

Collect & manage data – embodied carbon tracking and comparison studies

Innovation - making new green materials (durability challenge)

Opportunity to learn from developments and restrictions in Europe

Highest common denominator

If it works, it will work globally

Opportunity to learn from each other

What you could do, please:

IASS WG6 collaboration with Light Footprint

Ask industry for more data (we need data)

Collect more Case Study comparisons









Share your thoughts about this with Bruce

Do embodied carbon accounting on your projects

Help us set targets for maximum **kgCO₂eq/m²**

Share your data with **Lightweight Footprint**

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Lightweight Footprint 4

Team

We are an international group of tensioned membrane designers and technical specialists for a couple of years focused on further developing quantifiable analysis (proof) of the environmental impacts of lightweight structures. We have been meeting monthly for over two years and I delivered one of the keynote presentations for the Tensinet symposium in Nantes this June. Tensinet is a mostly European based association for all parties interested in tensioned membrane construction. Here's a link to the Tensinantes symposium:

[Tensinet Symposium 2023 at Nantes University - Sciencesconf.org](https://www.sciencesconf.org/tracklist/tracklist19/TENSINET2023)

[Keynote speakers TENSINANTES 2023](#)

"One of the biggest traps for smart engineers is optimizing something that shouldn't exist."

Elon Musk

Overview

Lightweight structures should have less environmental impact than normal weight materials of construction

No one has proved this

It should not be difficult to prove

Our team of experts will prove it with help from industry

Industry = manufactures, fabricators & installers, designers & engineers

Lightweight Footprint

introducing Lightweight Footprint



Mission/Vision
Lightweight Footprint

Vision

Lightweight membrane structures are obviously sustainable – let's prove it

Mission

Provide quantitative scientific & engineering analysis to demonstrate the sustainable attributes of membrane structures

Plan

Determine the carbon footprint relative to the economic benefits considering different functions, programs and locations (case studies)

Deliverable

Produce calculations with material data from manufacturers



Value Proposition

Lightweight Footprint

Good for you, good for me, good for the planet

Everyone has to do their part to reverse or at least stall rapid climate change

Set Targets

Understanding the impacts and committing to incremental reductions

Our Industry Impact

Industry empowered to change through innovation

Growth

By demonstrating benefits, promotes and grows industry

Attract talent

More smart, motivated and creative people will want to join the industry

Finally it will be proved

Quantitative engineering & science to support the industry's claims of sustainability

Pitch



champions of green building or lobbyists for the chemical industry

ANNEX XV RESTRICTION REPORT – Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs)		
Sectors	Properties	Applications
	and friction property	fuel hoses, power steering, transmission, lubricants, and coatings
Chemical industry	Chemical resistance, mechanical property, thermal property, and weather stability	Coatings for heat exchangers, pumps, diaphragms, impellers, tanks, reaction vessels, autoclaves, containers, flue duct expansion joints, heavy-wall solid pipe and fittings
Electrical/electronic	Dielectric constant, flame resistance, and thermal stability	Electrical insulation, flexible printed circuits, ultrapure components for semiconductor manufacture
Architectural and domestic	Weatherability, flame retardancy, friction property, thermal stability	Water-repellent fabric, architectural fabric, non-stick coatings for cookware, and fiberglass composite for constructions
Engineering	Mechanical property, thermal stability, chemical stability, weatherability, and surface energy	Seats and plugs, bearings, non-stick surfaces, coatings for pipes, fittings, valve and pump parts, and gears
Medical	Surface energy, biological stability, mechanical property, chemical resistance	Cardiovascular grafts, ligament replacement, and heart patches
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Table A.37. Identified PFAS uses, technical function and examples of PFAS in building material/construction products based on literature and stakeholder input.			
Use category	Sub-use(s)	Technical functions	Examples of PFASs
	Architectural membranes including fluoropolymer films (ETFE) and fabrics or fiber glass coated/laminated with fluoropolymers in e.g. stadium roofs, greenhouses, flexible solar panels	Durability, chemical and UV resistance, light weight, low maintenance, wetting during application of film	Fluorinated polymers e.g. PTFE, ETFE, FEP, PVDF Non-polymeric PFASs e.g. PBSF, HCFD-12332d ¹
Roofing	Weatherproofing Membranes made of materials such as synthetic rubber, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polyolefin, or other heavy-duty thermoplastics, and coated with a fluoropolymer layer. Used for e.g. flat-type roofs	Durability and stain resistance, moisture control and solar reflectivity	Fluoropolymers
Wires and cables	Electrical cable and wire insulation (in e.g. air conditioner units, computers, light fixtures and heated flooring), PTFE-impregnated plastic or a fiberglass-based tapes for electrical	Flexible, durable, temperature resistance	PTFE, PCTFE, ETFE, FEP, PVDF

Fluoropolymers: The Safe Science That Society Needs

*Jaime Sales, Francisco Hernández, Deepak Kapoor and Marcel van den Noort**

PFAS

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<https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/d2f7fce1-b089-c4fd-1101-2601f53a07d1>

<https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/icrl2022&div=7&id=&page=>

The main fluoropolymers meet criteria to be identified as Polymers of Low Concern (PLC) as developed by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Existing scientific data demonstrates that, because of their unique set of properties, such as

negligible solubility in water or high molecular weight, fluoropolymers cannot enter or accumulate in the human tissue, and they cannot degrade into other PFAS under intended conditions of use or under ambient environmental conditions. Therefore, it is considered that fluoropolymers do not pose a significant risk to water quality, human health, or the environment. Finally, potential indirect situations that may generate concerns related to PFAS emissions, such as the need to use fluorinated polymerization aids in the fluoropolymer manufacturing process, are being addressed by industry, with significant Progress made over the last years. Furthermore, the End-of-Life (EOL) phases of applications related to fluoropolymers are not expected to be of concern.

PERFORMANCE FLUOROPOLYMER PARTNERSHIP

'They all knew': textile company misled regulators about use of toxic PFAS, documents show

Thousands more residents outside the original contamination zone may be drinking tainted water

The Fight Against PFAS Contamination Across the Country

Chemours, DuPont, Corteva Settle PFAS Litigation for \$1.185 Billion

Lawsuits say chemical-laden firefighting foam contaminated drinking water

© Saint-Gobain claims it did not hide its use of PFAs because the information was included among 90,000 documents it released. Photograph: Charles Platiau/Reuters

PFAS

* PFASs in RED are those that have been restricted under national/regional/global regulatory or voluntary frameworks, with or without specific exemptions for details, see OECD (2018). Risk reduction approaches for PFAS. <http://oe.cd/afAN>

** The numbers of the articles (related to all aspects of research) were retrieved from Scifinder® on Nov. 1, 2016.

PFAS, forever chemicals, threat to industry

<https://www.sixclasses.org/videos/pfas>

<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/full/10.1021/acs.est.6b04806>

“Family tree” of PFASs, including examples of individual PFASs and the number of peer-reviewed articles on them since 2002 (most of the studies focused on long-chain PFCAs, PFSAs and their major precursors.).

<https://defendourhealth.org/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/aug/05/saint-gobain-textile-company-toxic-pfas>

Questions/comments:

1. Could REACH (or other regulations) restrict the use of any tensioned membrane products (PVC, PTFE, ETFE, etc.) based upon their chemistry?
2. From the Ferrari PVC EPD statements of the products not containing REACH list of substances with very high concern, would this make the product acceptable for REACH (or similar) restrictions?
3. Could we foresee in the near future that some of the products typically used for membrane structures will (or should be) restricted?
4. How should we address PFAs for PTFE, or phthalates for PVC plasticisers? Are there any similar or other potential issues for ETFE?
5. If EPDs do not typically address the site-specific environmental impacts of raw material extraction, nor are they meant to assess human health toxicity; is there any reliable standard(s) including certification(s) to confirm that the materials used do not pose serious health risks nor seriously negative environmental impacts? Would manufacturer/supplier claims to comply with REACH regulations be sufficient?
6. PTFE is so widely used and relied upon in the tensioned membrane industry. Do we have serious concerns about the environmental impacts beyond greenhouse gases? We have been asking and waiting for the industry to give us

more and current EPD data and we could continue to wait or we could take a stronger position/statement?

MATRIX GWP [CO2eq/kg] BY TYPE OF MEMBRANE Excluding C & D

MATRIX GWP [CO2eq/kg] BY TYPE OF MEMBRANE [A1 - A3]

SOURCE	PEs/PVC	FiberGlass/PTF	ETFE System
[1]	4.02		
[2]	5.34		
[3]	4.83		
[4]			36.80
[5]			53.20
[6]			63.40
[7]			16.40
Average	4.73	16.40	51.13

- Sources:
- [1] EPD - Serge Ferrari Tensile composite membranes. Registration number : 4-536-2021
Declare unit: 1m² Weight: 1.144 kg
 - [2] EPD - Low & Bonze GmbH Mehgies VALMEX® FR1000. EPD-MTX-20130019-IBA1-EN
Declare unit: 1.3m² Weight: 1.05 kg (expressed)
 - [3] EPD - Sioen Industries NV EPD-SIO-2020324-IBJ1-EN
Declare unit: 1m² Weight: 0.9 kg/m²
 - [4] EPD - Texlon® Vector Folbac GmbH, Nowofol, Dyneon GmbH. EPD-DVN-2021012-IBJ1-EN
Declare unit: 1 m² Weight: 3.99 kg/m²
 - [5] EPD - TensosSky® - System with Fluon® ETFE-FILM Taivo Europe GmbH, AGC, Inc.
Declare unit: 1 m² Weight: 3.93 kg/m²
 - [6] EPD - Novum AFP-System Novum Membranes GmbH Issue 2017
Declare unit: 1 m² Weight: 5.20 kg/m²
 - [7] EPD - PTFE coated glass fabrics for Tensile Architecture Versiedag EPD-SER-20240197-IB11-EN
Declare unit: 1 m² Weight: 0.75 to 1.60 kg/m² Thickness: 0.007m



DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; MIND = MODULE OR INDICATOR NOT DECLARED; MNR = MODULE NOT RELEVANT)

Product stage		Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage			Benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries		
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the plant to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy	Operational water use	Decommissioning	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recycling potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
X	X	X		MIND	MIND	MIND	MIND	MNR	MNR	MIND	MIND	X	X	X	X	X

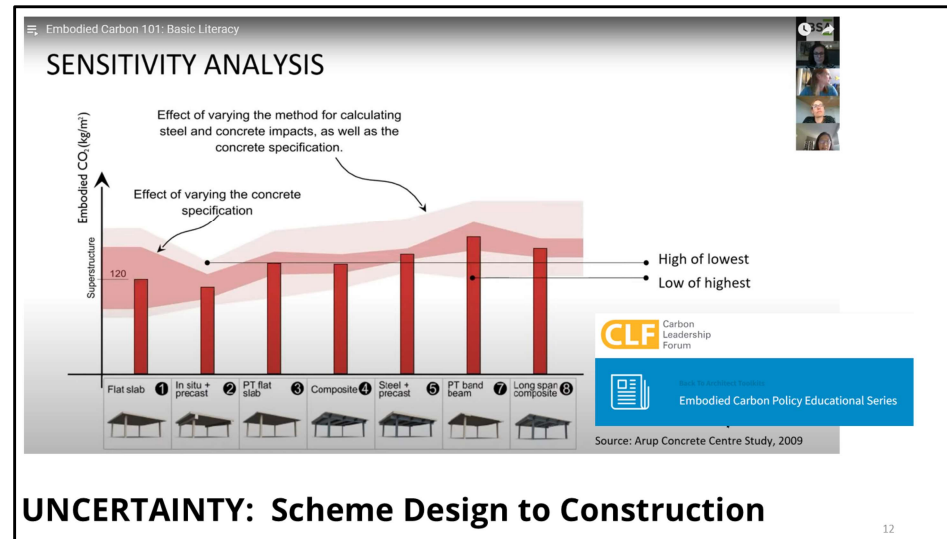
RESULTS OF THE LCA WEIGHTING FACTORS ACCORDING TO EN 15959-2:2017, 4.1.1.1. Global Warming Potential

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3/1	C3/2	C4/1	C4/2	D
GWP-total	kg CO ₂ eq	1.64E+01	6.09E-03	0.14E-03	2.71E-03	1.43E+00	1.53E-02	0	-1.02E-01
GWP-fossil	kg CO ₂ eq	1.64E+01	5.74E-03	0.90E-03	2.66E-03	1.43E+00	1.53E-02	0	-1.02E-01
GWP-biogenic	kg CO ₂ eq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GWP-fossil	kg CO ₂ eq	2.77E-03	3.4E-04	0.33E-05	2.03E-05	6.79E-05	4.71E-05	0	6.26E-06
CCF	kg CO ₂ eq	2.56E-07	4.79E-15	1.17E-15	4.66E-15	6.96E-13	3.59E-14	0	5.34E-12
AP	mol H ⁺ eq	3.07E-02	2.79E-05	5.77E-05	1.4E-05	3.87E-04	1.06E-04	0	-1.02E-04
EP-landwater	kg H ⁺ eq	2.09E-05	1.34E-07	3.20E-08	0.15E-09	2.92E-07	3.09E-08	0	-2.74E-07
EP-seawater	kg H ⁺ eq	7.7E-03	6.65E-06	2.8E-05	6.6E-06	1.05E-04	2.7E-05	0	3.76E-05
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq	1.02E-01	8.42E-05	3.13E-04	7.71E-05	1.62E-03	3.09E-04	0	4.02E-04
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	2.29E-02	2.22E-05	6.47E-05	1.79E-05	2.81E-04	8.44E-05	0	6.72E-05
ADPF	MJ	6.06E-04	2.42E-09	5.52E-10	2.98E-09	5.93E-09	7.02E-10	0	6.16E-09
ADPF	MJ	2.19E+02	5E-01	1.22E-01	5.29E-02	1.17E+00	2.04E-01	0	-1.56E+00
WDP	m ³ water eq. depleted	7.31E-01	4.43E-04	1.00E-04	5.22E-04	1.9E-01	1.06E-03	0	-1.34E-03

GWP = Global warming potential; CCF = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential of land and water; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential

Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

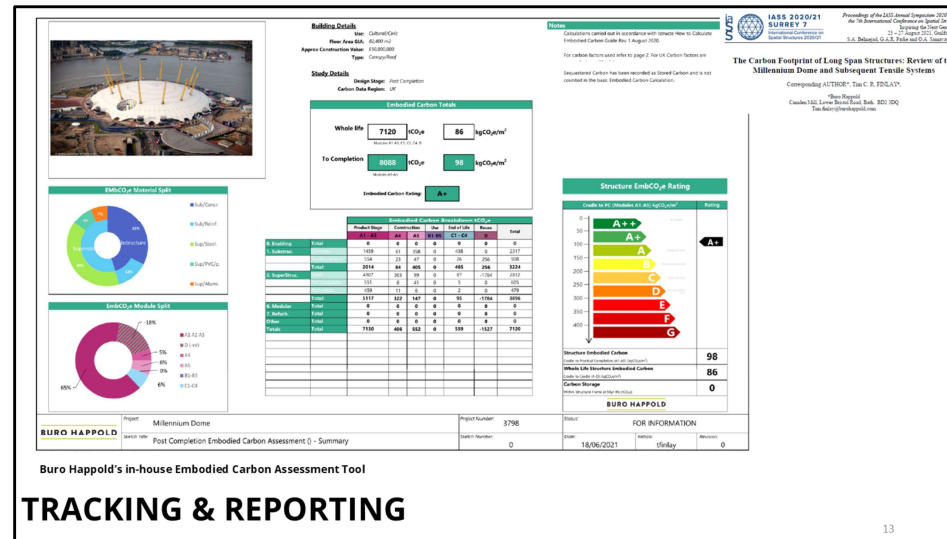
Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)
 Functional Unit (FU)
 Product Category Rules (PCR) & Assemblies
 Global Warming Potential (GWP)



data reliability, sensitivity

Embodied carbon: structural sensitivity study

<https://www.istructe.org/resources/case-study/embodied-carbon-structural-sensitivity-study/>



Tools for Measuring Embodied Carbon

<https://carbonleadershipforum.org/tools-for-measuring-embodied-carbon/>

Part of Buro Happold's ongoing Embodied Carbon Research to achieve our climate emergency commitments

The Carbon Footprint of Long Span Structures: Review of the Millennium Dome and Subsequent Tensile Systems

Conclusions

This brief study of the embodied carbon with long-span roof structures

has led to the following conclusions:

- The equivalent embodied CO₂ for long-span tensile structures can be successfully assessed and compared against other similar structures
- The Millennium Dome assessment (particularly when combined with a PVC/polyester membrane) shows that exceptionally low embodied carbon values can be achieved through ultra-efficient structural design.
- Efficient structural geometry is key to driving embodied carbon down to the lowest realistically achievable levels
- The choice of tensile membrane has a very significant impact on the embodied carbon within a lightweight tensile system with PTFE/glass fibre having a particularly

high embodied carbon
impact. To achieve the greatest reductions in embodied carbon through
tensile systems, lower
embodied carbon membranes will have to be used.



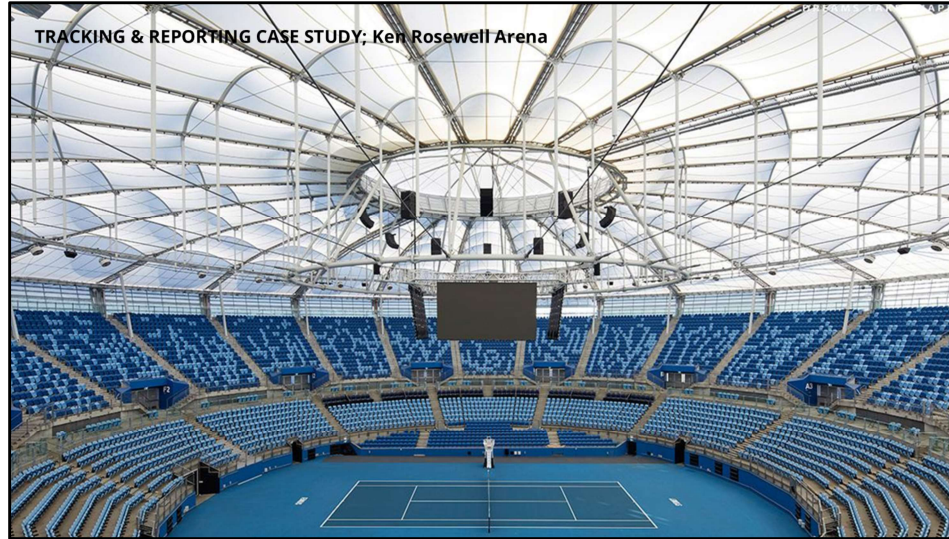
TRACKING & REPORTING CASE STUDY

For our case study the Ken Rosewall Arena was chosen. It is an innovative cable tensioned structure with PTFE fabric panels.

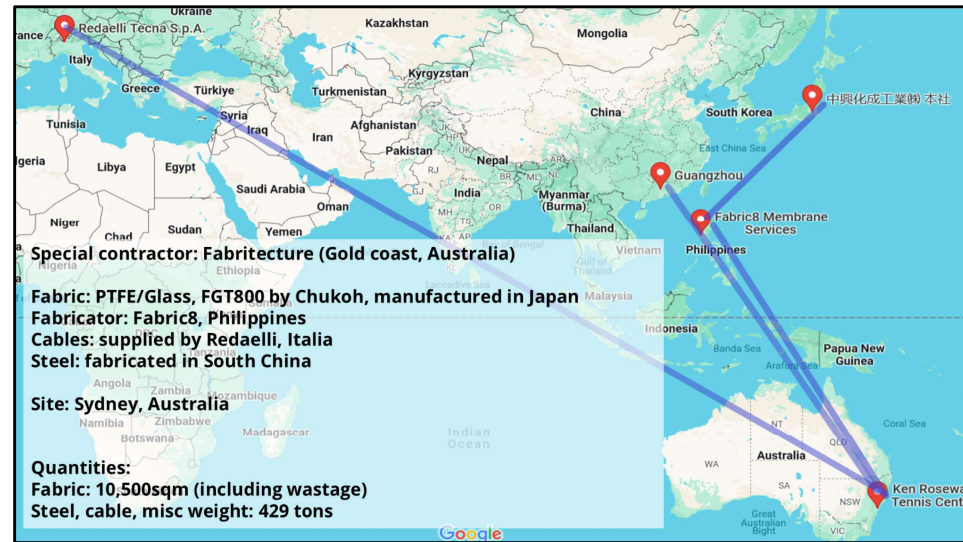
Architect: Cox Architecture, <https://www.coxarchitecture.com.au/project/ken-rosewall-arena-redevelopment/>

Structural Consultant: Arup, <https://www.arup.com/projects/ken-rosewall-arena-sydney>

Special Contractor: Fabritecture <https://fabritecture.com/project/ken-rosewall-arena/>

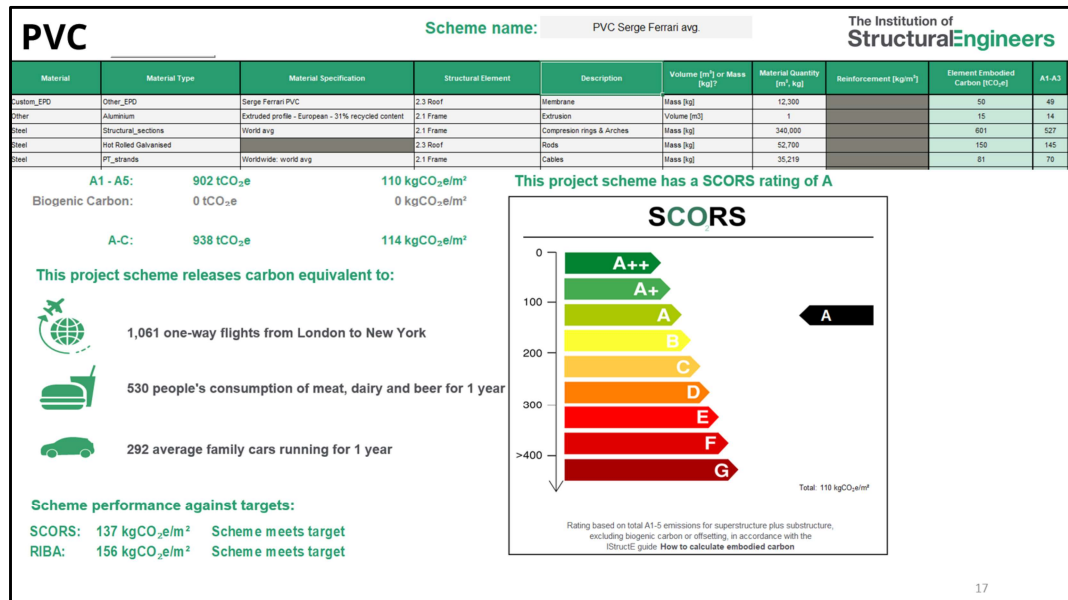


Ken Rosewall Arena: cable system consisting out of uplift and gravity cables, compression struts and an outer compression ring.



TRACKING & REPORTING CASE STUDY

Site is in Sydney, Australia. Cables were manufactured in Italia, PTFE fabric manufactured in Japan, fabricated in the Philippines, steel manufactured in South China and then transported to site.




TRACKING & REPORTING CASE STUDY

Structural Carbon emission were calculated for PTFE/Glass, but also PVC/PE, ETFE and glass. EPDs (Environmental Product Declarations) were required for these materials but also steel, cables etc. The used EXCEL tool is provided by the Institute of Structural Engineers, some EPDs (such as for steel) are already given. By quantifying the amount of used fabrics, steel tonnage for cable and steel structure the overall project Carbon footprint was calculated. The tool focus on A1-A5 (cradle to completion) rather than the entire which accounts for on average of 63% of the entire lifecycle of a structure.

<https://www.istructe.org/>

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.istructe.org/IStructE/media/Public/TSE-Archive/2020/Setting-carbon-targets-an-introduction-to-the-proposed-SCORS-rating-scheme.pdf&ved=2ahUKEwiE5Zi869iFAXXHCTQIHW1YDW0QFnoECCEQAQ&usg=AOvVaw1NwYBXJq52VfsFVnNaiBzi>

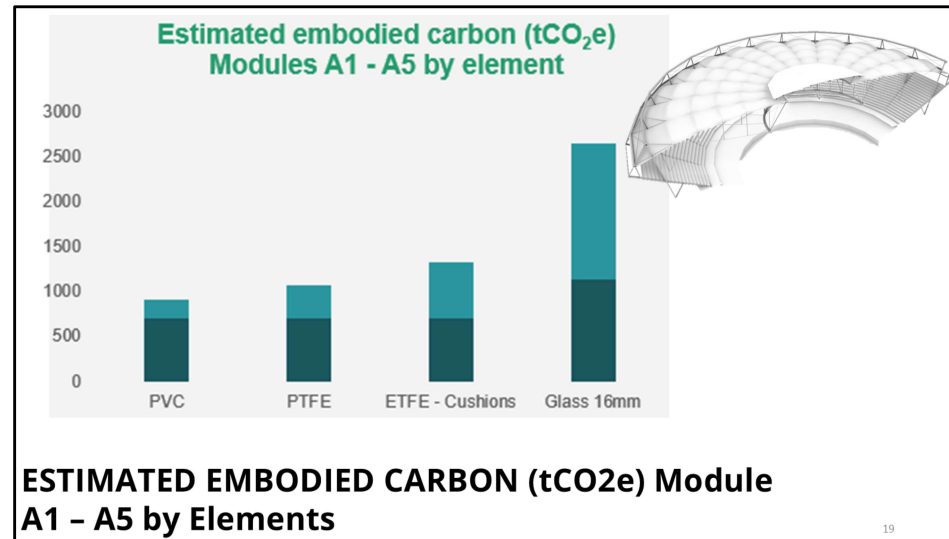


Scheme Rankings		
Rank	Scheme	SCORS Rating & A1-A5 Emissions (kgCO ₂ e/m ²)
1st	PVC	A (110)
2nd	PTFE	A (128)
3rd	ETFE - Cushions	B (160)
4th	Glass 16mm	E (321)

TRACKING & REPORTING

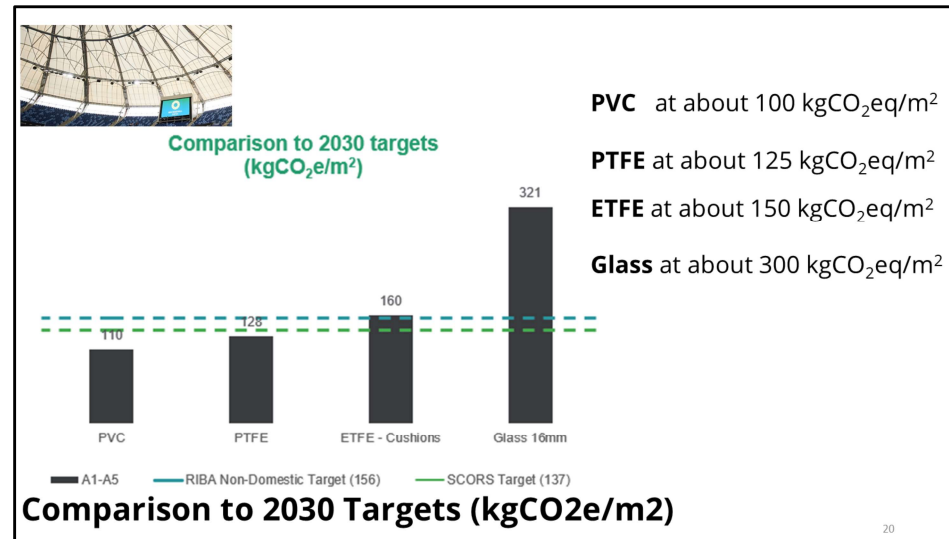
TRACKING & REPORTING CASE STUDY

In comparison with all other materials a PVC/PE fabric provides the lowest Carbon footprint value. This result is questionable as there are no current and updated EPDs available e.g. for PTFE. The EPD certificate by Saint Gobain was taken for PTFE, but this certificate already expired and is no longer valid.



TRACKING & REPORTING CASE STUDY

Emission of cladding material in comparison to the emission values of the main structure (steel, cable).



TRACKING & REPORTING CASE STUDY

Compared to the SCORS target by RIBA (Structural Carbon Rating Scheme by Royal Institute by British Architects), only ETFE and PVC cladding offers an A rating. SCORS focus on A1-A5 (cradle to completion) emissions rather A-C (lifecycle) emissions.


More and better data is needed.

Set targets for maximum embodied carbon for production stage (A1-A3) with industry dialogue to request their support in achieving the targets.

DECARBONIZATION NEWS

Denmark leads the way with embodied carbon limits for buildings

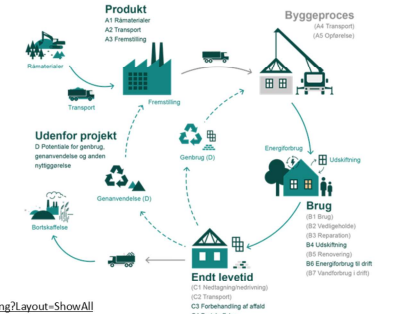
From January 1st, 2023, all new buildings in Denmark applying for a building permit must document their environmental impact over 50 years lifespan through **Life Cycle Assessments (LCA)**. New buildings **above 1000 m²** must comply with the limit value of **12 kg CO₂ equivalent /m² /year**. Generic data or EPDs can be used for LCA calculations.



<https://bygningsreglementet.dk/Tekniske-bestemmelser/11/BRV/Bygningers-klimap%C3%A5virkning?layout=ShowAll>

THRESHOLD value of 12kgCO₂e/m²/yr

12 kgCO₂eq/m² x 50 years =	600 kgCO₂eq/m²
50% Embodied Carbon = (other 50% Operational)	300 kgCO₂eq/m²
50% Structure + Substructure = (other 50% finishes, misc.)	150 kgCO₂eq/m²



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Danish Law

- 12kgCO₂eq/m²/year
- For ~50 year life = 600kgCO₂eq/m²
- 50% embodied, 50% operational = 300kgCO₂eq/m²
- 50% structural (foundations & primary), 50% non-structural (secondary & architectural) = **150kgCO₂eq/m²**

Denmark reference:

[Denmark leads the way with embodied carbon limits for buildings](#)

- From January 1st, 2023, Denmark became the first Nordic country to introduce embodied carbon limits into building regulations.
- All new buildings applying for a building permit (from January 2023), have to document the climate impacts through Life Cycle Assessments (LCA).
- New buildings **above 1000 m²** must comply with the limit value of **12 kg CO₂ equivalent /m² /year**.
- New construction under 1000 m² requires LCA calculation without the threshold limit values

- The voluntary threshold limit is set at 8 kg CO2 equivalent /m² /year
- Generic data or (Environmental Product Declarations) EPDs can be used for LCA calculations.

I believe that those limits are considering a 50 year life, so 50 years x **12 kg CO2 equivalent /m² /year = 600 CO2 equivalent /m²**

This is based upon prescribed (not all) modules and phases in a building's LCA (reference EN15978):

Modules A1-A3, B4, B6, C3, C4 and D must be documented. See <https://byggningsreglementet.dk/Tekniske-bestemmelser/11/BRV/Bygningers-klimap%C3%A5virkning?Layout=ShowAll>

Section 1.2 Life cycle and consideration period & Table 2.1). Overview and description of the modules that must be included in the calculation of the climate impact:

- Product A1-A3 (Product Stage – does not include Construction Process Stage A4 – transport & A5 construction, installation process)
 - A1: Raw materials
Climatic consequences as a result of processes for the extraction of raw materials and the use of secondary materials.
 - A2: Transport to manufacture
Climatic consequences as a result of transport to the factory for the manufacture of the finished building product or the prefabricated system.
 - A3: Manufacturing
Climatic consequences as a result of processes for manufacturing the finished building product or the prefabricated system.
- Use B4, B6 (Use Stage)
 - B4: Replacement
Climatic consequences as a result of impacts related to the replacement of building parts.
 - B6: Energy consumption for operation (Operational Energy Use)

- Climatic consequences as a result of the production of energy for building operations.
- End of life C3, C4 (Waste Processing & Disposal - does not include C1 Deconstruction Demolition & C2 Transport)
 - C3: Pretreatment of waste
Climatic consequences as a result of waste treatment prior to recovery.
 - C4: Disposal
Climatic consequences resulting from the disposal of waste, including pre-treatment prior to disposal.
- Outside project D (Supplementary Information Beyond Construction Works Life Cycle, Benefits and Loads Beyond the System Boundary)

D: Potential for reuse, recycling and other recovery

Potential environmental gains or burdens from reuse and recycling of building materials and other recovery such as energy recovery from burning.

Denmark leads the way with embodied carbon limits for buildings [Bygningsreglementets vejledning om bygningers klimapåvirkning](#)

I reviewed the English version from the link and I searched for DS/EN15978:2012 "Sustainability within construction and construction - Assessment of the environmental quality of buildings - Calculation method" and found this useful summary:

[Danish energy consumption and climate impact Building Regulations Chapter 11](#)

and diagram:

https://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/w/images/4/41/Lifecycle_DB_med_

[800_reposted.jpg](#)

and this:

[The sustainability of construction works - Designing Buildings](#)
that includes:

The updated EN 15804+A2 adjusts the list of mandatory [environmental impact](#) categories to include a greater [level](#) of definition:

§ [Climate Change](#) - Total (CCT)

§ [Climate Change](#) - Fossil (CCF)

§ [Climate Change](#) - [Biogenic](#) (CCB)

§ [Climate Change](#) - Land-use and [Land Use](#) Change (LULUC)

§ [Ozone Depletion Potential](#) ([ODP](#)) - [Ozone](#) Depletion

§ Photochemical ozone creation potential (POCP) - Photochemical ozone formation

§ Acidification - (AP)

§ Eutrophication aquatic freshwater - (EPAF)

§ Eutrophication aquatic marine - (EPAM)

§ Eutrophication terrestrial - (EPT)

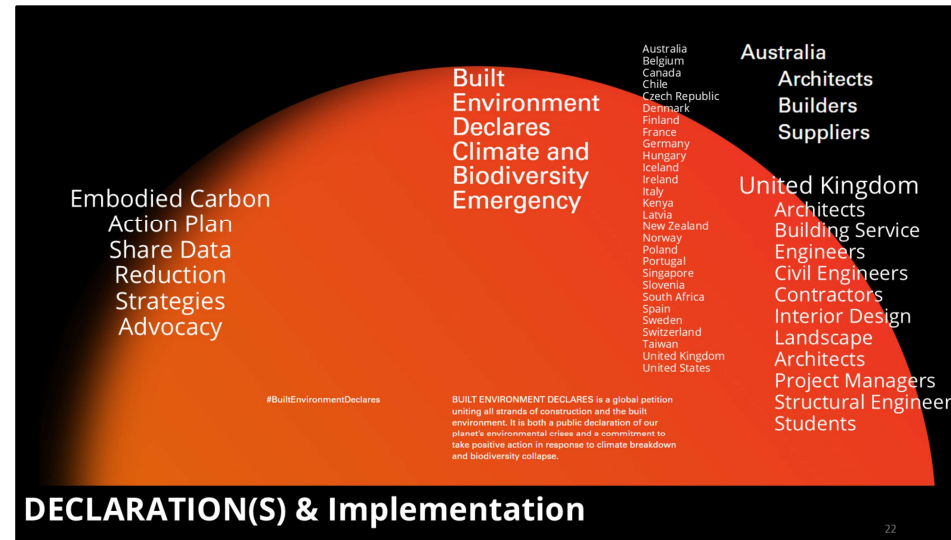
§ Abiotic depletion potential for minerals and metals (ADPMM)

§ Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (ADPFR)

§ Water use (WU)

European Standard

CEN prEN 15978-1(MAIN) - Sustainability of construction works -
Methodology for the assessment of performance of buildings - Part 1:
Environmental Performance



<https://builtenvironmentdeclares.com/>

<https://www.tess.fr/en/focus/construction-declares>

We know that we have just over a decade to address these global emergencies, or we risk catastrophic damage to the natural world. Yet as the earth’s life support systems come under increasing threat, the scale and intensity of urban development, infrastructure and building construction globally continues to expand, resulting in greater greenhouse gas generation and loss of habitat each year.

For everyone working in construction and the built environment, meeting the needs of our societies without breaching the earth’s ecological boundaries will demand a paradigm shift in our behaviour. If we are to reduce and eventually reverse the environmental damage we are causing, we will need to re-imagine our buildings, cities and infrastructures as indivisible components of a larger, constantly regenerating and self-sustaining system.

Such a transformation cannot happen without a wide-ranging declaration of intent, followed by committed action, international cooperation and open source knowledge sharing. A united declaration will support more effective lobbying of policy makers and governments to show leadership and commit resources. The next few years will be decisive in shaping our collective future - now is the moment to act.

Construction Declares can be used by everyone involved in the Built Environment sector: architects, designers, landscape architects, engineers, project managers, surveyors, developers and estate managers, contractors, suppliers, students, academics etc.

UK Architects Declare Climate and Biodiversity Emergency

<https://www.architectsdeclare.com/>

UK Building Services Engineers Declare Climate & Biodiversity Emergency

<https://www.buildingservicesengineersdeclare.com/>

UK Civil Engineers Declare Climate & Biodiversity Emergency

<https://www.civilengineersdeclare.com/>

UK Contractors Declare Climate and Biodiversity Emergency

<https://uk.buildersdeclare.com/>

UK Interior Design Declares Climate & Biodiversity Emergency

<https://www.interiordesigndeclares.co.uk/>

UK Landscape Architects Declare Climate & Biodiversity Emergency


<https://uk.landscapearchitectsdeclare.com/>

UK Structural Engineers Declare Climate & Biodiversity Emergency




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Sony Center Forum Roof
materials, specifications, thermal, wind, construction



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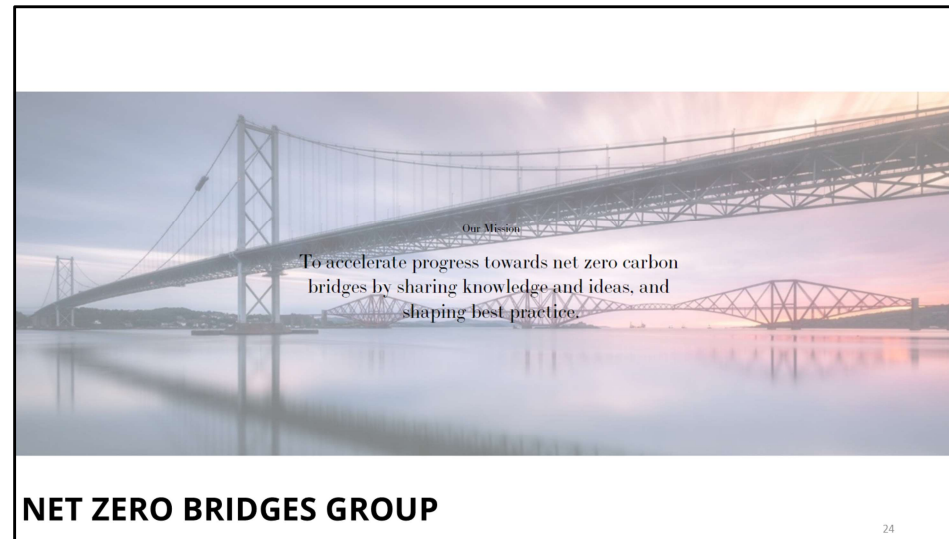


Bruce Danziger | structural engineer | 24-september-2015
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Collaboration

Sony Center Berlin – glass & fabric roof

Assistance with developing glass-to-cable details to allow for significant movements



[Net Zero Bridges Group](#)

Cameron Archer-Jones (COWI), Brian Duguid (Mott MacDonald)

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[Climate Emergency: A need for bridge specific guidance?](#)

[Climate change action timeline for bridge engineers - to Net Zero](#)

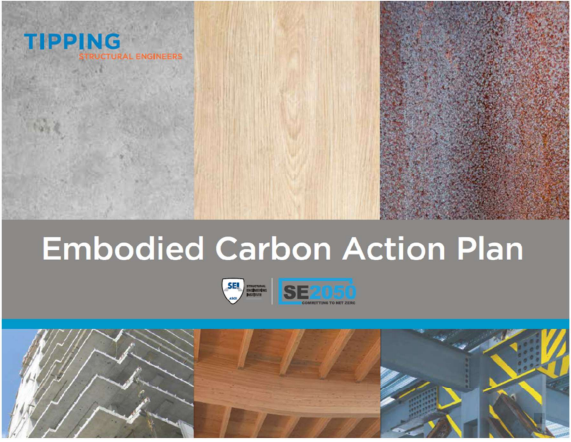
[Accelerating progress towards Net Zero bridges](#)

[Carbon Calculation Guide for Bridges DRAFT 1 Introduction Contents](#)

NZGB members survey 2023 1. Introduction 2. Results

First article that came from the net zero bridges group:

[https://www.istructe.org/journal/volumes/volume-99-\(2021\)/issue-10/carbon-targets-for-bridges-proposed-rating-scheme/](https://www.istructe.org/journal/volumes/volume-99-(2021)/issue-10/carbon-targets-for-bridges-proposed-rating-scheme/) (includes their benchmarking on bridges)



1. Education

2. Tracking & Reporting

3. Reduction Strategies

4. Advocacy

5. Implement

EMBODIED CARBON ACTION PLAN (ECAP)

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<https://se2050.org/>

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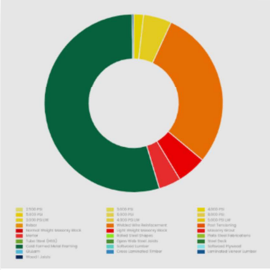
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ECOM – Embodied Carbon Estimator

REDUCTION STRATEGIES

- Form an internal Team
- Collect Data
- Investigate Carbon Accounting Tools
- Establish Baselines
- Set Reduction Targets

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[2023 CLF North American Material Baselines Report - Carbon Leadership Forum](#)

Final Report: <https://carbonleadershipforum.org/download-page/?d1m-dp-dl=35677>

Appendices: <https://carbonleadershipforum.org/download-page/?d1m-dp-dl=35686>

Table of values: <https://carbonleadershipforum.org/download-page/?d1m-dp-dl=35678>

Ask industry for more data (we need data)

Collect more Case Study comparisons
Share your thoughts about this with the industry
Do embodied carbon accounting on your projects
Help us set targets for maximum **kgCO₂eq/m²**
Share your data



Vow to get to net zero as soon as you can

Declare: Join the movement

Commit: Make an ECAP and share data

Implement: Reduce impacts

Start with Why (How, & What later)

Stewardship

With extreme weather events accelerating, “humanity has opened the gates to hell,” said the Secretary-General, describing distressing scenes of farmers helplessly watching crops washed away by floods, the emergence of virulent disease due to rising temperatures, and the mass exodus of people fleeing historic wildfires.

Let's do this together...

Thank you



Lightweight Structures Association Australasia Inc.