QUALITY REPORT

Australian Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Project

GS-524 · GS · Australia

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4.4 Overall Score out of 10	
Integrity (35%)	4.2
Transparency (25%)	4.8
Claim Safety (25%)	4.1
Documentation (15%)	5.0

Weights: Integrity 35% · Transparency 25% · Claim Safety 25% · Documentation 15%

Assessment Summary

This project has some positive integrity signals, including VVB-confirmed additionality, a 20% compliance buffer, and no reversal event clearly documented in the extracted record. However, the record also shows many material findings and corrective actions, plus several unresolved gaps on leakage, baseline reassessment, and reversal treatment, which weakens confidence in the credited volume. The documentation is moderate rather than strong because the evidence set is incomplete in key places and one contradiction set suggests the record is not fully consistent across documents.

Project Details

Registry	Gold Standard
Registry ID	GS-524
Sector	other
Country	Australia
Vintage	Recent
Project Methodology	Gold Standard Afforestation/Reforestation (A/R) GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Methodology v1, 2017
Crediting Period	2008 — 2058
VVB	Pangolin Associates
Verified ERs	49,028 tCO_2e
Monitoring Period	2024 — 2024
Confidence	High
Documents Reviewed	19 documents reviewed
Scored	2026-04-13

Red Flags

- ■ A large number of material findings and corrective actions were recorded in the verification report, which raises implementation and audit-quality concerns.
- ■ Leakage treatment is not clearly justified in the verification report, and reversal treatment is inconsistently described across documents.

Score Breakdown

Integrity — 4.2 / 10

+ Additionality was confirmed by the VVB, and the project uses a combined additionality test in the PDD.

- The verification report lists many material findings and corrective actions, and leakage justification is marked as not addressed.

The verification report confirms additionality by the VVB, and the project uses a combined additionality test in the PDD, which supports the baseline case. On the other hand, the same verification report lists many material findings and corrective actions, and leakage justification is recorded as not addressed, which weakens confidence in the credited reductions. A 20% compliance buffer is a positive permanence feature, but the reversal treatment is not cleanly documented in the extracted record.

Transparency — 4.8 / 10

+ The monitoring period is clearly stated for 2024, and the VVB is named as Pangolin Associates.

- Claimed versus verified issuance cannot be reconciled because the extracted record does not include a claimed total, and several monitoring inputs are not stated.

The monitoring period for 2024 is clearly stated, and the VVB is identified as Pangolin Associates, which helps traceability. However, the extracted record does not provide a claimed issuance total, and several key monitoring inputs are not stated, including usage monitoring details and the relevant forest reference baseline inputs. Overall transparency is therefore only moderate.

Claim Safety — 4.1 / 10

+ The project is an A/R project under Gold Standard with a compliance buffer of 20%, which helps reduce permanence risk.

- Leakage and reversal handling are not consistently documented, and no CORSIA or CCP status is stated to reduce dual-claim uncertainty.

Claim safety is helped by the Gold Standard A/R methodology and the presence of a 20% buffer pool, which reduces some permanence risk. But the record leaves leakage treatment unresolved in the verification report, and the project's CORSIA and CCP status are not stated, so dual-claim and over-crediting risk cannot be ruled out cleanly. The absence of a recent baseline reassessment also limits confidence in the claim.

Documentation — 5.0 / 10

+ Multiple official document types were used, including the monitoring report, PDD, verification report, and appendix.

- The extraction confidence is only medium, and the record contains many unresolved fields plus several contradictions across documents.

The evidence set spans several official documents, including the monitoring report, PDD, verification report, and appendix, which is a positive sign. Still, the extraction confidence is only medium, and the record contains many unresolved fields such as leakage deduction, usage-rate monitoring, and forest reference baseline values. The large number of findings and corrective actions also suggests the documentation package required substantial follow-up.

Risk Indicators

Additionality	VVB-confirmed additionality
Permanence	buffer present, reversal treatment unclear
Leakage	leakage not clearly justified
Baseline	project baseline, reassessment missing
Safeguards	FPIC and grievance mechanism documented
Double-claim	CORSIA/CCP status not stated

What Would Improve This Score

→ Provide a clear, reconciled statement on leakage treatment, reversal events, and buffer use across the monitoring report, verification report, and PDD.

→ Publish a complete issuance reconciliation and update the record with explicit CORSIA/CCP status, baseline reassessment timing, and quantified monitoring inputs.

Documents Reviewed

- Monitoring - GS 3039 - 2021 Certification - v 151121(clean)(1).pdf
- 1810_05 GS 3039 Auscarbon_Audit_Report_FINAL_v1.0_06Oct2018 (2).pdf
- PerfCert_v3.0-Project-Annual-Report_2024.pdf
- Sustainability Monitoring Plan - Auscarbon - All Areas - 010618.pdf
- Auscarbon GS Perform Cert FINAL 18April16.pdf
- Project-Design-Document-GS3039-2021 Certification v151121(clean)(1).pdf
- Auscarbon Verif Statement 16.pdf
- 1412 AC GS Application 2.1 - Template - Key Project Information v4 Changes Accepted.pdf
- Management-Units_ABP_GS-LUF.pdf
- DEV_622.pdf
- 101.5-Transition-Annex-Template - v160318.pdf
- Transitional Doc Auscarbon 160318.pdf
- 1412 AC GS Application 3.4 - Template - Sustainability Plan v3.pdf
- Key_Project_Information_ABP_GS-LUF.pdf
- Auscarbon GS initial cert 11June15.pdf
- PDD_ABP_GS-LUF.pdf
- Gold Standard Assurance Platform — GS-524
- Gold Standard Registry — GS-524
- AYYBP_Verification_Report_FINAL_06122021(1).pdf

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