

It is in my opinion that any airfare, domestic or international, including corporate/private charters, private jets, and cargo aircraft leaving from and/or arriving in an airport in Australian jurisdiction should be subject to offsetting the carbon emissions. This could be achieved by a levy on the fuel, or by charging a fixed rate for the route flown, or a combination. If air transport companies wish to implement their own carbon offset into place of any government scheme, it should be subject to both Australian government approval, and independent auditing to prove that the scheme is viable, and is sequestering the carbon emissions (tree planting/reforestation, carbon capture and sequestration etc).

If the same independent auditing, guidelines, and oversight should also be implemented to any government scheme to ensure efficacy. As far as my knowledge goes, carbon credits and other such industries aren't a very well regulated globally, and often don't have the intended effect in offsetting the carbon emitted.