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Abbreviations

ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ACTEW	ACTEW Corporation
Agvet	Agricultural and veterinary
AHMAC	Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council
AMA	Australian Medical Association
ANZECC	Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council
ANZFA	Australia New Zealand Food Authority
ANZFSC	Australia New Zealand Food Standards Council
ANZMEC	Australian and New Zealand Minerals and Energy Council
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
ARMCANZ	Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand
AWBI	AWB International Limited
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CBH	Cooperative Bulk Handling Limited
CCNCO	Commonwealth Competitive Neutrality Complaints Office
CIA	Competition Impact Analysis
CIE	Centre for International Economics
CMS	Centralised monitoring system
CoAG	Council of Australian Governments
CPA	Competition Principles Agreement
CRR	Committee on Regulatory Reform (CoAG)

CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
CSO	Community service obligation
CTP	Compulsory Third Party
EP&A Act	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> (NSW)
ETEF	Electricity Tariff Equalisation Fund
EWP	Environmental water provision
EWR	Environmental water requirements
FRC	Full retail contestability
FSANZ	Food Standards Australia New Zealand
GBE	Government business enterprises
GPAL	Gas Pipelines Access Law
GPOC	Government Prices Oversight Commission (Tasmania)
HAL	Horticulture Australia Limited
HEC	Hydro Electric Corporation (Tasmania)
ICRC	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Commission (ACT)
IPART	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
MDBC	Murray–Darling Basin Commission
NCC	National Competition Council
NCP	National Competition Policy
NECA	National Electricity Code Administrator
NEM	National electricity market
NEMMCO	National Electricity Market Management Company
NEVDIS	National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information System
NSWRMB	New South Wales Rice Marketing Board
NT	Northern Territory

OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
ORR	Office of Regulation Review (Commonwealth)
PAWA	Power and Water Authority
PBS	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
PBT	Public benefit test
PC	Productivity Commission
RFA	Regional Forest Agreements
RIS	Regulatory/regulation impact statement
ROP	Resource Operations Plan
SCARM	Standing Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management
SEVS	Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicle Scheme
SMA	Statutory marketing authority
TAB	Totalisator agency board
TAC	Total allowable catch
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
TPA	<i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i>
VEETAC	Vocational Education, Employment and Training Committee
VORR	Office of Regulation Reform (Victoria)
WEA	Wheat Export Authority
WRP	Water Resource Plan
WSAA	Water Services Association of Australia