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Abbreviations

ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ACTEW	ACTEW Corporation
ANZECC	Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council
ARMCANZ	Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand
BMAP	Business Management Assistance Program
CoAG	Council of Australian Governments
CRR	Committee on Regulatory Reform (CoAG)
CSO	Community service obligation
EBIT	Earnings before interest and tax
EBITDA	Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESC	Essential Services Commission
EWP	Environmental water provision
EWR	Environmental water requirements
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GPOC	Government Prices Oversight Commission (Tasmania)
IPART	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
ICRC	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Commission (ACT)
MDBC	Murray–Darling Basin Commission
NCC	National Competition Council
NCP	National Competition Policy
PAWA	Power and Water Authority

PC	Productivity Commission
QCA	Queensland Competition Authority
ROR	Rate of return
ROP	Resource Operations Plan
SCARM	Standing Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management
TERs	Tax-equivalent regimes
WRP	Water Resource Plan
WSAA	Water Services Association of Australia