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# Abbreviations

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

ACCC Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

ACCI Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

AGCNCO Australian Government Competitive Neutrality Complaints Office

AIHW Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

ALGA Australian Local Government Association

ANAO Australian National Audit Office

ANU Australian National University

ANZSIC Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification

ANZSOG Australia and New Zealand School of Government

APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

APRA Australian Prudential Regulation Authority

APS Australian Public Service

BRCWG Business Regulation and Competition Working Group (COAG)

CEDA Committee for Economic Development of Australia

COAG Council of Australian Governments

CRC COAG Reform Council

EFIC Export Finance and Investment Corporation

EGWW Electricity, gas, water & waste services

GS Gas supply

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GTAP Global Trade Analysis Project

GTEs Government trading enterprises

ICTs Information and communication technologies

IMF International Monetary Fund

LP labour productivity

MFP multifactor productivity

NAPLAN National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy

NATSEM National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling

NBN National Broadband Network

NCP National Competition Policy

NRA National Reform Agenda

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

OHS Occupation health and safety

OID Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage report

PC Productivity Commission

RBA Reserve Bank of Australia

R&D Research and development

ROGS Report on Government Services

SES Senior Executive Service

SLA Statistical Local Areas

TCF Textiles, clothing and footwear

WSSD Water supply sewerage & drainage services