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Abbreviations

ABARE	Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
ACIS	Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme
ACS	Australian Customs Service
ADA	Anti-Dumping Authority
ADI	authorised deposit-taking institution
ANZSIC	Australia and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
AQIS	Australian Quarantine Inspection Service
ASIC	Australian Standard Industrial Classification
AWB	Australian Wheat Board
CPA	Competition Principles Agreement
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DIST	Department of Industry, Science and Tourism
EFIC	Export Finance and Insurance Corporation
EMDG	Export Market Development Grants
ERA	effective rate of assistance
EU	European Union
EVSL	early voluntary sectoral liberalisation
FDI	foreign direct investment
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	gross domestic product
GSE	gross subsidy equivalent
IAP	Individual Action Plan
IC	Industry Commission
IR&D	Industrial Research and Development
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
JCPAA	Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
MAI	Multilateral Agreement on Investment
MFN	most-favoured-nation
NCC	National Competition Council
NSE	net subsidy equivalent
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

PC	Productivity Commission
PMV	passenger motor vehicles
R&D	research and development
RAS	Rural Adjustment Scheme
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
TCF	textiles, clothing and footwear
TCS	Tariff Concession Scheme
TEXCO	Tariff Export Concessions
TMRO	Trade Measures Review Officer
TPC	Trade Practices Commission
TQ	tariff quota
TRIPS	trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights
WTO	World Trade Organization