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Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
AGCNCO	Australian Government Competitive Neutrality Complaints Office
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
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)
CAGP	China Australia Governance Program
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
CPRS	Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme
CRC	COAG Reform Council
EGW&WS	Electricity, gas, water and waste services
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 of Economic Cooperation and Development
OHS	Occupation health and safety
OID	<i>Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage</i> report
PC	Productivity Commission
PTA	Preferential Trade Agreement
R&D	Research and development
ROGS	Report on Government Services
SEACI	South Eastern Australian Climate Initiative
SES	Senior Executive Service
WTO	World Trade Organization