

General information

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations have been used in graphics and tables throughout this publication.

Australia, States and Territories of Australia

Aust.	Australia
NSW	New South Wales
Vic.	Victoria
Qld	Queensland
SA	South Australia
WA	Western Australia
Tas.	Tasmania
NT	Northern Territory
ACT	Australian Capital Territory

Other abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AEC	Australian Electoral Commission
AGPS	Australian Government Publishing Service
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AQIS	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
CD	Collection District
CDEP	Community Development Employment Program
CFCs	Chlorofluorocarbons
CLG	Community Leaders Group
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DALY	Disability Adjusted Life Year
DEH	Department of the Environment and Heritage
DEST	Department of Education, Science and Training
DFD	Domestic Final Demand
EDR	Economically Demonstrated Resources
ERP	Estimated Resident Population
EU	European Union
FCE	Final Consumption Expenditure
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GPI	Genuine Progress Indicator
GSS	General Social Survey
GST	Goods and Services Tax
HCFC	Hydrochlorofluorocarbons
HDI	Human Development Index
IBRA	Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia
IDEA	International Institute for Democratic and Electoral Assistance
ICT	Information and communications technology
IGR	Intergenerational Report
IGVA	Industry Gross Value Added
IHO	Indigenous Housing Organisations
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IVA	Industry Value Added
LPG	Liquid Petroleum Gas
LWRDC	Land and Water Resources Development Corporation
MAP	Measures of Australia's Progress
MCEETYA	Ministerial Council for Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs
MFP	Multifactor Productivity
NEPM	National Environment Protection Measures
NGGI	National Greenhouse Gas Inventory
NLWRA	National Land and Water Resources Audit
NRSMPA	National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas
NSESD	National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
ODPT	Ozone Depleting Potential Tonnes
PIM	Perpetual Inventory Method
PPM	Parts Per Million
PSR	Pressure–State–Response
R&D	Research and Development
RCIADIC	Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

REER	Real Effective Exchange Rate
RFA	Regional Forest Agreement
RNNDI	Real Net National Disposable Income
ROW	Rest of the world
SEIFA	Socioeconomic Index for Areas
SESAME	System of Economic and Social Accounting Matrices and Extensions
SNA	System of National Accounts
SOE	State of the Environment
TFR	Total Fertility Rate
TNTS	The New Tax System
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNFCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
USA	United States of America
UV	Ultraviolet
VET	Vocational Education Training
WHO	World Health Organisation

Symbols and usages

The following symbols and usages mean:

billion	1,000 million
cm	centimetres
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
CO ₂ -e	carbon dioxide equivalent
GJ	gigajoules of energy
GL	gigalitres
hrs	hours
ha	hectares
kg	kilograms
km	kilometre
km-sq	square kilometres
m ²	square metre
ML	megalitre
MT	megatonnes
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not published
n.y.a.	not yet available
no.	number
p	preliminary – figures or series subject to revision
SO ₂	sulfur dioxide
°C	degrees Celsius
'000	thousand
\$	dollar
\$b	billion dollars
\$/cap	per capita dollars
\$m	million dollars
%	per cent
*	estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution
**	estimate has a relative standard error of greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

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