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List of Abbreviations

ACT	Australian Capital Territory
AGO	Australian Greenhouse Office
AIS	Australian Institute of Sport
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
BCA	Building Code of Australia
Customs	Australian Customs Service
Defence	Department of Defence
DFaT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DIGO	Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation
DoFA	Department of Finance and Administration
DoTaRS	Department of Transport and Regional Services
MEOMS	Mechanical Equipment Operation and Maintenance Section
MUD	Multi User Depot
NCA	National Capital Authority
NSW	New South Wales

NT	Northern Territory
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety
PWC	Public Works Committee
Qld	Queensland
Vic	Victoria
WA	Western Australia