List of acronyms and abbreviations

2G	Second generation mobile phone technology
3G	Third generation mobile phone technology
ACA	Australian Communications Authority
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
ACE	Australian Communications Exchange Ltd
ACIF	Australian Communications Industry Forum
ADSL	Asynchronous Digital Subscriber Line
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
AUSTEL	Australian Telecommunications Authority
BAG	Broadband Advisory Group
BARN	Building Additional Rural Networks
Besley	Mr Tim Belsey was Chairman of the Telecommunications Service Inquiry
BPL	Broadband powerline systems
CAN	Customer Access Network
CAPEX	Capital expenditure
CBD	Central Business Districts
CCIF	Coordinated Communications Infrastructure Fund
CDMA	Code Division Multiple Access
CEO	Chief executive officer
CEPU	Communications, Electrical and Plumbing Union
CSG	Customer services guarantee
DCITA	Department of Communication, Information Technology and the Arts

DDSO	Digital Data Service Obligation
DEP	Disability Equipment Program (Telstra)
DRCS	Digital Radio Concentrator Systems
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line
DSLAM	Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer
ESA	Exchange Service Area
Estens	Mr Dick Estens was Chairman of the Regional Telecommunications Inquiry
FTTC	Fibre to the curb
GHz	GigaHertz (billions of cycles per second)
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communications
HCRC	High Capacity Digital Radio Concentrator system
HFC	Hybrid fibre coaxial cable
HiBIS	Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
IAP	Internet Assistance Program
IP	Internet protocol
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
ISP	Internet Service Provider
kbps	Kilobits per second
KHz	KiloHertz (thousands of cycles per second)
MB	Megabyte
mbps	Megabits per second
MHz	MegaHertz (millions of cycles per second)
MSD	Mass service disruption
NBS	National broadband strategy

NBSIG	National Broadband Strategy Implementation Group
NCF	National Communications Fund
NECG	Network Economics Consulting Group
NOIE	National Office for the Information Economy
NRF	Network Reliability Framework
NTN	Networking the Nation
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPEX	Operating expense
OTC	Overseas Telecommunications Commission
PGS	Pair gain system
PLC	Powerline communications
PLT	Powerline telecommunications
PMG	Post Master General's Department
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network
RATE	Remote Areas Telecommunications Enhancement (Telstra program)
RIM	Remote integrated multiplexer
RTI	Regional Telecommunications Inquiry
SETEL	Small Enterprise Telecommunications Centre
SMA	Spectrum Management Agency
SME	Small Medium sized Enterprises
TAF	Telecommunications Access Forum
TEDICORE	Telecommunications and Disability Consumer Representation
TIO	Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman
TPA	*Trade Practices Act 1974*
TSI	Telecommunications Service Inquiry

TTY	Teletypewriter
USO	Universal Service Obligation
USP	Universal Service Provider
VDSL	Very High Rate Digital Subscriber Line
WANs	Wide Area Networks
WLAN	Wireless local area networks
WLL	Wireless local loop