List of acronyms

ACA Australian Communications Authority

ACCC Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

ACIF Australian Communications Industry Forum

ADSL Asynchronous Digital Subscriber Line

AUSTEL Australian Telecommunications Authority

BAG Broadband Advisory Group

BARN Building Additional Rural Networks

CAN Customer Access Network

CBDs Central Business Districts

CCIF Coordinated Communications Infrastructure Fund

DCITA Department of Communication, Information Technology and the

Arts

DSL Digital Subscriber Line

HFC Hybrid Fibre Coaxial Cable

HiBIS Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme

ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network

ISPs Internet Service Providers

Kbps Kilobits per second

KHz KiloHertz, (analogue) thousands of cycles per second

Mbps Megabits per second

NBS National Broadband Strategy

NBSIG National Broadband Strategy Implementation Group

NCF National Communication Fund

NECG Network Economics Consulting Group

NOIE National Office for the Information Economy

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

PGS Pair gain system

REF Regulatory Accounting Framework

SME Small to Medium-sized Enterprises

TA Telecommunications Act

TA(1991) Telecommunications Act 1991

TEDICORE Telecommunications and Disability Consumer Representation

TIO Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

TPA Trade Practices Act 1974

USO Universal Service Obligation