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## Acronyms and abbreviations

ABC	Actions for Biodiversity Conservation
ACRIS	Australian Collaborative Rangelands Information System
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ANZLIC	Spatial Information Council
AusRivAS	Australian River Assessment System
BiGG	Biodiversity in Grain and Graze
BRS	Bureau of Rural Sciences
CAMBA	China–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
CAPAD	Collaborative Australian Protected Area Database
CAR	comprehensiveness, adequacy and representativeness
CFEV	Conservation of Freshwater Ecosystem Values
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CLAARS	Coorong and Lakes Alexandrina and Albert Ramsar Site
CMA	catchment management authorities
CoAG	Council of Australian Governments
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DEC	Western Australia Department of Environment and Conservation,
DECCW	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, NSW
DEH	Department of Environment and Heritage, SA
DEWHA	Australian Government Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
DFTD	devil facial tumour disease
DIWA	Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia
DKCRC	Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre
DPIF	Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (Qld)
DSE	Department of Sustainability and Environment (Vic)
EHMP	Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program
EMS	environmental management system
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency, Qld
EPA	Environment Protection Authority, Vic
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
ESCAVI	Executive Steering Committee for Australian Vegetation

	Information
EVC	Ecological Vegetation Class
EWA	environmental water allocation
FARWH	Framework for Assessing River and Wetlands Health
FFG Act	<i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1998 (Vic)</i>
GIS	geographic information system
GLM	grazing land management
HCVAE	high conservation value aquatic ecosystems
IBISCA	Investigating the Biodiversity of Soil and Canopy Arthropods
IBRA	Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia
IPA	Indigenous Protected Area
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IRP	Integrated Regional Plan
ISC	Index of Stream Condition
ITEX	International Tundra Experiment
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
JAMBA	Japan–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
KFRS	key fire response species
LEB	Lake Eyre Basin
MDB	Murray-Darling Basin
MEA	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
NAP	National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality
NBS	National Biodiversity Strategy
NCAS	National Carbon Accounting System
NCSSA	Nature Conservation Society of South Australia
NFI	National Forest Inventory
NHT	Natural Heritage Trust
NLWRA	National Land & Water Resources Audit
NRM	natural resource management
NRMMC	Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council
NRS	National Reserve System
NSW	New South Wales
NT	Northern Territory
NVIS	National Vegetation Information System

NWI	National Water Initiative
PAS	Priorities Action Statement
QMDB	Queensland section of the Murray-Darling Basin
QWP	Queensland Wetlands Program
RE	regional ecosystem
RIS	Regional Investment Strategy
ROKAMBA	Republic of Korea – Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
SA	South Australia
SABAT	South Australian Biodiversity Assessment Tool
SEQ	southeast Queensland
SLATS	Statewide Landcover and Trees Study, Qld
SoE	State of the Environment
SRA	Sustainable Rivers Audit
TasFACE	University of Tasmania Free-Air CO <sub>2</sub> Enrichment facility
TEC	threatened ecological community
TRARC	Tropical Rapid Appraisal of Riparian Condition
VCA	Vegetation Condition Assessment
WA	Western Australia
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature