LIST OF ACRONYMS

AAPTC Australian Association of Paediatric Teaching Centres

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

ACA Australian Consumers' Association

ACHSE Australian College of Health Service Executives

AHA Australian Healthcare Association
AHCA Australian Health Care Agreement

AHIA Australian Health Insurance Association
AIHW Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

AMA Australian Medical Association ANF Australian Nursing Federation

APHA Australian Private Hospitals Association

ATO Australian Taxation Office

CHERE Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation

CHF Consumers' Health Forum

CHPE Centre for Health Program Evaluation

DHAC Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care

DRG Diagnosis Related Group FAG Financial Assistance Grants

FBT Fringe Benefits Tax
GDP Gross Domestic Product
GP General Practitioner
GST Goods and Services Tax

HCC Health Consumers Council WA
HIC Health Insurance Commission
HOCI Hospital Output Cost Index
MBS Medicare Benefits Schedule

NATSEM National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling

NRHA National Rural Health Alliance

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

PBS Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

RACP Royal Australasian College of Physicians

RHA Regional Health Agency

RRMA Rural Remote and Metropolitan Areas classification
SASMOA South Australian Salaried Medical Officers Association

SLA Statistical Local Area
VMO Visiting Medical Officer

WCI 1 Wage Cost Index 1

WHA Women's Hospitals Australia