

Abbreviations

ABARE	Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics
ABARES	Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
ACCI	Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
ACOSS	Australian Council of Social Service
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
AEMA	Australian Energy Market Agreement
AEMC	Australian Energy Market Commission
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator
AER	Australian Energy Regulator
Ai Group	Australian Industry Group
AM	Member of the Order of Australia
AMI	advanced metering infrastructure
ASFA	Association of Superannuation Funds Australia
ATA	Alternative Technology Association
BREE	Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics
CALC	Consumer Action Law Centre
capex	capital expenditure
CEC	Clean Energy Council
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
committee, the	Senate Select Committee on Electricity Prices
COTA	Council of the Ageing

CPSA	Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association of New South Wales
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
CUAC	Consumer Utilities Advocacy Centre
DBs	distribution businesses
DCEE	Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency
DRET	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism
EAPA	Energy Accounts Payable Assistance
EEC	Energy Efficiency Council
EEO	Energy Efficiency Opportunities
ENA	Energy Networks Association
ERA	Economic Regulation Authority of Western Australia
ERAA	Energy Retailers Association of Australia
ESAA	Energy Supply Association of Australia
ESI	Energy Savings Initiative
ESS	Energy Savings Scheme
EUAA	Energy Users Association of Australia
EWON	Energy and Water Ombudsman New South Wales
EWOV	Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria
FiT	feed in tariff
GEMS	Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards
GFC	Global Financial Crisis
GW	gigawatt
HESS	Home Energy Savings Scheme
IHD	in-home display
IMO	Independent Market Operator

IPART	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW
kV	kilovolts
kWh	kilowatt-hour
LRET	Large-scale Renewable Energy Target
MCE	Ministerial Council on Energy (replaced by the SCER)
MEU	Major Energy Users
MW	megawatt
NCCARF	National Climate Change Adoption Research Facility
NECF	National Energy Customer Framework
NEL	National Electricity Law
NEM	National Electricity Market
NEMLA	National Electricity Market Legislation Agreement
NEMMCO	National Electricity Market Management Company
NEO	National Electricity Objective
NER	National Electricity Rules
NERL	National Energy Retail Law
NERR	National Energy Retail Rules
NGF	National Generators Forum
NILS	No Interest Loan Scheme
NPV	net present value
NSP	network service provider
NSW	New South Wales
NWIS	North West Interconnected System
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
opex	operational expenditure

PIAC	Public Interest Advocacy Centre
PJ	petajoules
PoC	<i>Power of Choice</i> draft report
PPI	purchasing power parity
PV	photovoltaic
QCOSS	Queensland Council of Social Services
REC	Renewable Energy Certificate
REES	Residential Energy Efficiency Scheme
RET	Renewable Energy Target
SCER	Standing Council on Energy and Resources (formerly the MCE)
SRES	Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme
STOU	seasonal time of use
SWIS	South West Interconnected System
TEC	Total Environment Centre
totex	total expenditure
UTS	University of Technology Sydney
VEET	Victorian Energy Efficiency Target
W	watt
WA	Western Australia
WEM	Wholesale Electricity Market