

## USEFUL ACRONYMS

AAR	Average Annual Recharge – Volume of water that has recharged the aquifer.
ABC	Australian Broadcasting Corporation – National Television and radio broadcaster
ABARE	Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics – Government agency which collects statistical data for publication. Also conducts a census every 5 years which every person in Australia needs to fill in.
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission - Australian government organisation responsible for ensuring compliance with the Trade Practices Act 1974.
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ASGE	Achieving Sustainable Groundwater Entitlement – Announced June 2005 to help groundwater users manage their reduction in entitlements.
AWD	Available Water Determination
BCC	Basin Community Committee – Providing a formal structure for the views and interests of the community.
BLR	Basic Landholder Right – Three basic rights to access water are available to rural landholders' in NSW. Licences are not required for: domestic & stock rights; native title rights; harvestable rights.
BOC	Basin Official Committee
BP	Basin Plan
BRFF	Border Rivers Food and Fibre – member organisation
CHN	Critical Human Needs
CICL	Coleambally Irrigation Co-operative Limited – member organisation
CIT	Central Irrigation Trust – South Australian irrigation infrastructure operator
CMA's	Catchment Management Authorities
COAG	Council of Australian Governments – COAG is the peak intergovernmental forum in Australia, comprising the Prime Minister, State Premiers, Territory Chief Ministers & President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).
COAG MoU	Council of Australian Government – Memorandum of Understanding – Document describing agreement between parties.
CRC's	Co-operative Research Centres
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation – Australia's national science agency and one of the largest and most diverse research agencies in the world.

DE	Delivery Entitlement
DECCW	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water – NSW department formed 2009 to encompass challenges presented by climate change and progress reforms for sustainable management of land and water.
DSEWPC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. DSEWPC develops and implements national policy, programs and legislation to protect and conserve Australia's environment and heritage.
DSE	Department of Sustainability and Environment (VIC)
DWLBC	Department of Water Land and Biodiversity Conservation (SA)
ESY	Estimated Sustainable Yield – A safe yield of water extraction per unit time.
EWA	Environmental Water Account
FPH	Flood Plain Harvesting – obtaining water that has spilled over the banks of a river, re-directing it via pump to farm location.
GL	Gigalitre – volume of water 1,000,000,000 litres (one billion) 1 Gigalitre = 1000 Megalitres
GVIA	Gwydir Valley Irrigators Association – member organisation
HOE	History-of-Extraction – Amount of water extracted over a period of time.
HOU	History-of-Use – Established use of water over a period of time.
IAL	Irrigation Australia Limited – Australia's leading organisation representing the breadth of the Australian irrigation industry. It has members covering all sectors of the industry, from water users, consultants, designers and installers through to educational institutions, government, manufacturers and retailers.
IGA	Inter-Governmental Agreement – between the Commonwealth and a State or States.
IPART	Independent Pricing And Regulatory Tribunal – Independent economic regulator for NSW (electricity, water, gas and transport)
LTAEL	Long-term Average Extraction Limit
MDB	Murray-Darling Basin – The food bowl of Australia, an area covering one-seventh of the continent.
MDBA	Murray-Darling Basin Authority – Formed by the Commonwealth Water Act to ensure “whole of basin” management.
MDBC	Murray-Darling Basin Commission – Was the executive arm of the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council. Has now been replaced by the MDBA.
MIA	Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area
MI	Murrumbidgee Irrigation – member organisation
MIL	Murray Irrigation Limited – member organisation
ML	Megalitre – volume of water 1,000,000 litres (one million) – Olympic sized pool holds approximately 2.5 ML
MPF	Maximum Probable Flood
MRFF	Macquarie River Food and Fibre – member organisation
NFF	National Farmers Federation – Peak national body representing farmers and, more broadly, agriculture across Australia. It is one of Australia's foremost and respected lobbying and advocacy organisations.
NIC	National Irrigators Council –formed 2009- Company created to deal with Federal issues. (Same as NSW Irrigators Council – NSWIC but at the federal level)
NOW	NSW Office of Water, for information on water management, water licensing, urban water and real-time water data. Previously named: WRC (Water Resources Commission) then DLWC (Department of Land and Water Conservation) then DNR (Department of Natural Resources) then DIPNR (Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources) then DWE (Department of Water and Energy).
NRAC	Natural Resources Advisory Council – Independent body advising NSW Government on sustainable natural resource management.

NRC	Natural Resources Commission – Independent advice to NSW Government on a range of natural resource management issues.
NRM	Natural Resource Management – A set of Resource Condition Indicators developed to provide more detail on how to monitor each 'matter for target' set out in the National Framework for Natural Resource Management Standards and Targets.
NSW GAC	NSW Groundwater Advisory Council
NSWFA	New South Wales Farmers Association – member organisation
NWC	National Water Commission
NWI	National Water Initiative – signed by Commonwealth and all states and territories 25 June 2004 (TAS June 2005 / WA April 2006) – represents the shared commitment to water reform.
SAFF	South Australian Farmers Federation – An action group representing South Australian Farmers interests.
SAIC	South Australian Irrigators Council – Lead Government agency for driving national water reform under the NWI.
SAMI	South Australian Murray Irrigators – Representative organisation for South Australian irrigators access the Murray River
SDL	Sustainable Diversion Limit
SHL	Snowy Hydro Limited – A business providing a complex array of financial hedge and insurance products to participants in the electricity and irrigation industries.
- DISV	Design Inflow Sequence Volume
- RAR	Required Annual Release
SWC	State Water Corporation (State Water) – NSW rural bulk water delivery corporation, annually delivering more than 5,500 GL of water to regional NSW on average along 7000km of rivers. Also deliver 9,000 GL of water for the environment.
PM	Prime Minister – head of the Australian Government
RGA	Ricegrowers Association of Australia – member organisation
VFF	Victorian Farmers Federation – An action group representing Victorian farmer's interests. Contains news, issues, members and services provided.
WAL	Water Access Licence
WE	Water Entitlement
WFTF	Water For The Future – Commonwealth Government \$12.9 billion water reform program
WMA	Water Management Act 2000 – Governs the issue of new water licences and the trade of water licences and allocations for those water sources (rivers, lakes and groundwater) in NSW where water sharing plans have commenced.
WMI	Western Murray Irrigation – member organisation
WSP	Water Sharing Plan