

Title	Term	Definition	Reference or further reading	Guidance type	Source	Created	Item Type	Path
A	Aboriginal people(s)	The term ' First Nations people ' is generally preferred, rather than Aboriginal people or Indigenous people. However, 'Aboriginal people' is preferred over 'Indigenous people'.	MDBA First Nations cultural protocols and style guide	Definition;#Preferred term	Cultural protocols;#Whole of Government	24/10/2023 14:26	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	acid sulfate soils	sulfate not sulphate.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	24/10/2023 14:52	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	acronyms	Generally in government writing, do not use acronyms – spell out in full. But if you do use an acronym write it out in full when using for the first time in a document section, followed by the acronym in brackets. Example There were 600 gegalitres (GL) of water for the current year. In future years, 500 GL is expected.		Acronym	Whole of Government	25/10/2023 6:50	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	Act	Capitalise when referring to legislation. See 'legislation'. Example The Water Act.		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	25/10/2023 6:51	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	Albury-Wodonga	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Use hyphen , not en dash. However when referring to the MDBA office location write as 'Wodonga Office'. See 'regional office'.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:24	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	an MDBA	An MDBA policy / report / initiative. Not 'a' MDBA policy.		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	25/10/2023 14:27	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	appendices	Not 'appendixes'.	Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	25/10/2023 14:33	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ARI	average recurrence interval All lower case, unless at the start of a sentence. As for allacronyms in a document, spell out the term the first time followed by the acronym in brackets. Example The average recurrence interval (ARI) is the average time period between floods of a certain size.		Acronym;#Water management 101	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:35	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	Authority	The Authority is comprised of the Chair, Chief Executive, Indigenous member and 4-part time members appointed by the Governor-General. The MDBA is the statutory agency which supports the Authority.Use '6-member Authority' when referring to the governing body. Use 'the MDBA' for the agency known as the Murray–Darling Basin Authority.		Acronym;#Definition	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:37	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

A	ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Write out in full when using for the first time in a document section, followed by the acronym in brackets.	Acronym	Whole of Government	3/11/2023 19:22 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ABARES	Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES).ABARES is the science and economics research division of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Write out in full when using for the first time in a document section, followed by the acronym in brackets.	Acronym	MDBA style	3/11/2023 19:23 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	airspace	Write airspace as one word, not air space. Airspace releases are important to help mitigate the risk of flooding.	Spelling or punctuation; #Definition	MDBA style	3/11/2023 19:28 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	anabranh	Lower case unless used in a name, for example Great Darling Anabranh.An anabranh is a section of the river that diverts from the main channel and re-joins further downstream.	Spelling or punctuation; #Definition ;#Water management 101	MDBA style	3/11/2023 19:31 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	actions under the Basin Plan	For the purpose of the 2025 Basin Plan Evaluation, actions of the Basin Plan are described in line with the 'Parts' within the Chapters of the Basin Plan.	Definition	Technical	21/11/2023 17:00 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	activity	Components of each project that need to be completed. Discrete pieces of work with an articulated purpose, scope timing and dependencies.	Definition	Technical	21/11/2023 17:00 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	actual take	Total quantity of water actually taken from the water resources of a water resource plan area during a water	Definition	Technical	21/11/2023 17:00 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	allocation	The annual volume of water to which the holder of an access license is entitled as recorded in the water allocation account for the license.	Water management 101; #Definition	Technical	21/11/2023 17:00 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AG	Australian Government Write in full, don't use acronym.	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:26 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AGSVA	Australian Government Security Vetting Agency AGSVA website	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:29 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AS	Assistant Secretary	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:30 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AAE	Australian Asset Engineering	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:30 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

A	AAI's	Accountable Authority Instructions	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:31 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ACEAS	Australian Centre for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:31 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ACEC	American Council of Engineering Companies	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:32 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ACHAR	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:32 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ACSEES	MDBA's Advisory Committee on Social, Economic and Environmental Sciences	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:33 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ADF	additional dilution flow	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:33 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ADFO	alternative downstream flow options (Koondrook-Perricoota)	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:36 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AEW	active environmental water	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:36 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AEWG	Aboriginal Environmental Water Guidance – Aboriginal Employment Working Group	Acronym	DCCEEW	20/09/2024 10:38 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AGI	Asset group information	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:38 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AHIP	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:38 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AIC	Adjustment Implementation Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:39 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:39 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AMAP	Asset Management Advisory Panel (SCAs come together 6 weekly)	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:40 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AMISS	Asset Management Improvement Scoping Study	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:40 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

A	AMS	asset management system	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:41 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ANZECC	Australia and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:41 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ARI	Average Recurrence Interval (in relation to rainfall)	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:41 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ASA	Agency Security Advisor	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:42 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AS&D	Asset Solutions and Delivery business unit	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:42 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	ASP	Agency Security Plan	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:43 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AWA	Aboriginal Waterways Assessment initiative	Acronym	DCCEEW	20/09/2024 10:43 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
A	AWEP	Aboriginal Water Entitlements Program	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:03 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Barwon–Darling	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Use en dash between 'Barwon' and 'Darling' not a hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:16 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	bankfull flow	All lower case.	Spelling or punctuation;#Preferred	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:40 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Barmah Choke	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter and when referring to 'the Choke'. See 'Barmah–Millewa Reach'.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:42 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Barmah–Millewa	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Use en dash between 'Barmah' and 'Millewa' not a hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:43 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Barmah–Millewa Forest	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Use en dash between 'Barmah' and 'Millewa' not a hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:44 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

B	barrage	Write as lower case in generic use, but upper case in names 'Ewe Island Barrage' etc.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:45	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Barwon–Darling – Lower Darling valley	hyphen.Apply a ' space'en dash and ' space ' between valley names.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	25/10/2023 14:46	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin, the Basin, Murray–Darling Basin	Always upper case 'B', including 'whole-of-Basin'; the Basin. The Murray–Darling Basin is in Australia's south-east. It is a system of interconnected rivers and lakes. More than 2.3 million people live in the Basin, including people from over 50 different First Nations. The Basin is home to 16 internationally significant wetlands, 35 endangered species and 120 waterbird species.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	Whole of Government	25/10/2023 14:48	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin Community Committee	upper case letter. The Basin Community Committee (BCC) consists of members of the Basin community, and is one of the governance committees for the Murray–Darling Basin. The BCC has a chair and up to 16 members, including one Authority member.	Basin Community Committee, MDBA website	Acronym;#Definition	MDBA style	26/10/2023 7:53	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin governments	Use 'Basin governments' only when referring to the Australian Government plus all 5 Basin state governments. When referring to the Australian Government and state and territory governments, use the following convention: The Australian Government and the governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory. See 'Basin state governments' when referring only to state governments excluding the Australian Government. Basin state governments includes the ACT (no need to write state and territory governments).		Definition	Whole of Government;#Technical	26/10/2023 7:54	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin Officials Committee	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.The Basin Officials Committee (BOC) consists of officials from the 6 Basin governments (that is all state governments plus the Australian Government).	Basin Officials Committee, MDBA website	Water management 101;#Acronym	MDBA style	26/10/2023 7:57	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		<p>The <i>Basin Plan 2012</i> was adopted by the minister under section 44 (as amended from time to time) of the <i>Water Act 2007</i> (Cth). The Basin Plan is Commonwealth legislation, made under Part 2 of the Water Act. Write '<i>Basin Plan 2012</i>' as title case and italics and subsequently refer to as 'the Basin Plan' or 'the Plan' depending on sentence context.</p> <p>The aim of the Basin Plan is to ensure that water is shared between all users, including the environment, in a sustainable way.</p>						
B	Basin Plan 2012	Read about the key elements of the Basin Plan on the MDBA website.	Federal Register of Legislation > Basin Plan 2012	Spelling or punctuation;#Water management	The Water Act;#Technical;#The Basin Plan	26/10/2023 8:03	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin state governments	Write 'Basin state governments' instead of 'Basin states' or 'Basin jurisdictions'. This term is defined in the Water Act to include the Australian Capital Territory. See 'Basin governments' when referring to the Basin state governments plus the Australian Government.		Definition;#Preferred term	Technical;#The Water Act	26/10/2023 8:06	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	blue-green algae, blue-green algal bloom	blue-green algae uses a hyphen not an en-dash. All lower case unless starting a sentence.		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	26/10/2023 8:07	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Bokhara River	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Spelled 'Bokhara' not Bokara.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	26/10/2023 8:09	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Bulletpoint lists	Do not use 'and' or 'or' after the second last item in the list. Do not use commas.	Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	26/10/2023 8:12	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Brewarrina Fish Traps (Baiaame's Ngunnhu)	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Include the First Nation's name in brackets.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	3/11/2023 18:30	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BasinView	BasinView is an MDBA geographic information system which was released in 2021. It is available publicly on the MDBA website. Write BasinView as one word, not Basin View.	BasinView monitoring tool	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	3/11/2023 18:41	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin-wide	Use hyphen , not en dash. When referring to the Murray–Darling Basin, always upper case Basin.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	3/11/2023 19:45	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

B	Barmah–Millewa Reach	The Barmah–Millewa Reach, or the narrowest part of it, has often been referred to as the 'Barmah Choke' or 'the Narrows' by the Yorta Yorta people. It is made up of 3 key flow constriction points: the Tocumwal Choke, the Barmah Choke, the Edward Choke.	Definition;#Places	Technical	21/11/2023 16:53 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	2025 Basin Plan Evaluation	Under the Basin Plan, the Authority is required to undertake a 5-yearly evaluation of progress and effectiveness of the implementation of the Plan. The Basin Plan sets out key evaluation questions that will be answered in a public report. The Basin Plan Review must be informed by an evaluation.	Water management 101;#Definition	Technical;#The Basin Plan	21/11/2023 17:00 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	baseline diversion limit (BDL)	<p>Baseline diversion limit (BDL) means the baseline limit of take from a sustainable diversion limit (SDL) resource unit.</p> <p>The baseline limit is:</p> <p>For a surface water SDL resource unit – the quantity of water calculated in accordance with column 2 of the table in Basin Plan Schedule 3 for that SDL resource unit. For a groundwater SDL resource unit – the quantity of water calculated in accordance with column 3 of the table in Basin Plan Schedule 4 for that SDL resource unit.</p> <p>The baseline generally reflects the limit on the level of take at 30 June 2009. It is a combination of limits established by state law (for example existing water resource plan limits) or limits established by the Cap arrangements, and defined levels of take where there are no established limits.</p>	Definition;#Water management 101;#Acronym	The Basin Plan;#Technical	21/11/2023 18:06 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin Plan Review Executive Board (BPR EB)	Provides focused advice, recommendations and decisions where required relating to the overarching delivery as informed by status reporting from the Basin Plan Review Program Management Office (BPR PMO), strategy and resourcing of key products.	Definition	Technical	21/11/2023 18:12 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin Plan objectives and outcomes	Chapter 5 of the Basin Plan sets out the management objectives and outcomes to be achieved by the Basin Plan. Chapter 5 makes further reference to objectives, outcomes and targets, specifically those in: Part 2 of Chapter 8, Part 3 of Chapter 9, Part 2 of Chapter 7. MDBA website	Water management 101;#Definition	The Basin Plan;#Technical	21/11/2023 18:21 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

B	Basin Plan Review (BPR)	Under the <i>Water Act 2007</i> (Cth), the Authority is required to review the Basin Plan in 2026.	Acronym;#Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	21/11/2023 18:37 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	2026 Basin Plan Review: Final Report	The Authority is required to publish a final report of the results of the 2026 Basin Plan Review. The report will detail the MDBA's view on the Basin Plan and may recommend changes for adaptive management of the Basin's water resources into the future.	Definition	Technical	21/11/2023 18:39 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin Plan Review, the role of states	<p>Water in the Basin is managed across 4 states and a territory, covering 1 million square kilometres. The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) manages the Australian Government's water entitlements and allocations of water for the environment. The Australian Government minister responsible for water accredits the states' water resource plans, which set the local rules for water use.</p> <p>Basin state governments manage the water in their own area, in line with nationally agreed principles and plans. The Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water recovers water to achieve the outcomes of the Basin Plan. The MDBA is a key agency responsible for coordinating how the Basin's water resources are managed through the Basin Plan, and uses an approach, based on evidence, that considers the health of the Basin as a whole.</p>	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:24 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	best available information and socio-economic analysis	<p>Given meaning by section 24(1) of the <i>Water Act 2007</i> (Cth) and requires the Authority (and the Minister), in exercising its functions and powers under Part 2 Division 1, must act on the basis of best available scientific knowledge and socio-economic analysis.</p> <p>See 'social and economic' (this is the preferred term rather than socio-economic').</p>	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 17:40 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		Avoid writing 'Basin states'. Use 'Basin state governments' instead of 'Basin states' or 'Basin jurisdictions'. This term is defined in the Water Act to include the Australian Capital Territory.				
B	Basin states	See 'Basin governments' when referring to the Basin state governments plus the Australian Government.	Inactive	MDBA style	26/11/2023 19:27 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BH	Branch Head (previously Assistant Secretary)	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:31 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BCC	Basin Community Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:45 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BCD	Biodiversity Conservation Department - old NSW OECD	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:46 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BDL	Baseline Diversion Limit	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:46 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BMEC	Barkinji and Maraura Elders Council	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:46 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BOAG	Barrage Operating Advisory Group	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:48 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BOC	Basin Officials Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:48 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BOCA	BOC Alternatives	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:49 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BOCP	BOC Principles	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:49 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BPIC	Basin Plan Implementation Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:58 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BPME	Basin Plan Monitoring and Evaluation	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:59 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BPOR	Commonwealth Budget Process Operating Rules	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 10:59 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BRAT	Blackwater Risk Assessment Model	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 11:00 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

B	BSMAP	Basin Salinity Management Advisory Panel		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 11:00	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BSMS2030	Basin Salinity Management Strategy 2030		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 11:00	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BSOG	Basin Senior Officials Group		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 11:18	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BEWS	Basin-wide Environmental Watering Strategy (MDBA 2014)		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 11:19	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BtG	Bridging the Gap (to the Sustainable Diversion Limits in the Basin Plan)		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:04	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	Basin Pipes	A New South Wales state priority project – Basin Pipes project.		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BETA	Behavioural Economics Team of the Australian Government		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
B	BRII Challenge	Business Research and Innovation Initiative		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:06	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	certainty of access	Certainty of access to Basin water resources means the extent to which there are clear overarching policy settings and rules for sharing of water resources under different water supply conditions for water users, including consumptive users, the environment and communities, so they can make confident and informed decisions. (Developed for the purpose of reporting against Matter 17).		Definition;#Spelling or punctuation;#Water management 101	Technical	25/10/2023 14:17	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	Cap, the Cap	A limit, implemented in 1997, on the volume of surface water that can be diverted for consumptive use as specified in the Murray–Darling Basin Agreement, Schedule E. Always upper case 'C' when referring to the Cap on diversions or Cap compliance. Example The Murray–Darling Basin Capon diversions under MDBA website		Spelling or punctuation;#Definition	MDBA style;#Technical	26/10/2023 8:21	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	Canberra office	Not Head office or Central office.		Preferred term	MDBA style	26/10/2023 8:22	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		All lower case letters when writing in general terms. When referring to the name of a catchment management authority, use title case.					
C	catchment management authorities	Example North East Catchment Management Authority.		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	26/10/2023 8:24	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	comprised	It's correct to write 'consists of' but not 'comprised of'.		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	26/10/2023 8:26	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	coolabah	Not 'coolibah'. Example <i>Eucalyptus coolabah</i> commonly known as coolabah.		Spelling or punctuation;#Flora or fauna	MDBA style	26/10/2023 8:28	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	Country	In First Nations context always upper case 'C'. See 'First Nations Country'. Example Today we live and work on the Country of many different First Nations people.	MDBA First Nations cultural protocols and style guide	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government;#Cultural protocols	26/10/2023 8:31	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	Culture, Cultural	In First Nations context always use upper case 'C'.		Spelling or punctuation	Cultural protocols	3/11/2023 18:48	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Example The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) delivers water for the environment when and where plants and animals need it most. Background The name Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO) is no longer used, since an organisational restructure occurred in May 2023. The senior executive in charge of that Office took on responsibility for additional teams as the head of Division for the Environmental Water and Aquatic Ecosystems Division (EWAE) of DCCEEW. That senior executive also looks after the Office of Water	Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder website	Acronym;#Water management 101	Whole of Government	10/11/2023 22:46	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	consumptive use	Use of water for irrigation, industry, urban, stock and domestic use, or other private purposes. Write as lower case 'consumptive use' unless at the start of a sentence.		Definition;#Spelling or punctuation	Technical	26/11/2023 17:43	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	committees, water management committees	2 x Ministerial Councils, BOC, BOCA, Basin Community Committee, River Murray Operations Committee, Water Quality Advisory Panel.	Billabong secretariat page	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 17:47	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

C	Climate Change theme	The Basin Plan Review will explore how best to plan for an uncertain future and what actions we can take to help the Basin adapt to a changing climate.	MDBA website	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 17:51 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	class of entitlement	Water entitlements are divided into differing 'classes' of security (reliability in Victoria), where 'security' refers to the frequency with which water allocated under that entitlement is able to be supplied in full. Higher security entitlements have higher average and less variable yields than lower security entitlements.		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 17:52 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	Commonwealth Procurement Rules	The Commonwealth Procurement Rules set out the rules that government officers must comply with when they procure goods and services.	Commonwealth Procurement Rules	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 17:57 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines	The Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines (CGRG) establish the Commonwealth grants policy framework. They contain the key legislative and policy requirements and explain the better practice principles of grants administration. The CGRG is published by the	Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines	Definition;#Acronym	Technical	26/11/2023 18:01 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	cumulative balance	The cumulative balance (the basis of SDL compliance) compares actual take and permitted take over time in a sustainable diversion limit (SDL) resource unit. The annual water credits/debits in a resource unit are added to those from the previous year to accrue the cumulative balance.		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:02 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	COAG	Council of Australian Governments Note: the COAG was ceased on 29 May 2020, after agreement from the National Cabinet.	COAG archive information	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:32 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CFO	Chief Financial Officer		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:33 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	COO	Chief Operating Officer		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:33 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CRF	consolidated revenue fund		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:35 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CRM	Commonwealth resource management framework OR customer relationship management system		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:58 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

C	CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Program, an Australian Government agency	CSIRO website	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 8:59 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	Cab Sub	Cabinet Submission		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:19 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CEWO	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 11:59 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CHAIR	Construction Hazard Assessment and Implication Review		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 11:59 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CHMP	Cultural heritage management plan		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 11:59 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CIT	Central Irrigation Trust		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:00 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CLLMM CAP	Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Community Advisory Panel		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:00 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CLPoM	Cultural Landscape Plan of Management (Lake Victoria)		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:01 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CMA	(North Central) Catchment Management Authority		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:01 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CMP	Constraints Measures Program		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:02 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CMS	Constraints Management Strategy		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:02 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CMWG	Constraints Management Working Group		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:02 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CWCMA	Central West Catchment Management Authority		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:03 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		The document titled 'Victoria's North and Murray Water Resource Plan Comprehensive Report', containing supporting information and accreditable material for the purpose of the proposed WRP					
		Note: where the term 'Comprehensive Report' is used in this assessment, this is taken to mean the main body of the report (i.e. Parts 1-15), and not the Appendices unless explicitly stated.					
C	Comprehensive Report		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:03	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CAWI	Committee on Aboriginal Water Interests	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CSG	Coal Seam Gas	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CtG	Closing the Gap	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	CLLM	Coorong, Lower Lakes, Murray Mouth Recovery project	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:06	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	COFFIE	Commonwealth On-Farm Further Irrigation Efficiency	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:06	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
C	C&E	Compliance and Enforcement Systems for Water Resource Management	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:07	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Include the First Nation's name in brackets, and not in italics. Place (Baaka) before 'River', not after.					
D	Darling (Baaka) River	Do <u>not</u> write it with a dash or en dash: Darling-Baaka or Darling-Baaka.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	26/10/2023 9:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		When the day is followed by the date, do not separate with a comma. See 'year'.					
D	dates	Example Thursday 21 June 2024.	Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation Whole of Government	26/10/2023 9:15	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

D	droughts	Lower case 'd' on drought. Specify which drought you are writing about. Millenium drought (upper case 'M') – 1996 to 2009 Federation drought (upper case 'F') – 1895 to 1902 Further information about historical droughts: Previous droughts (bom.gov.au)	Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	26/10/2023 9:16	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	Darling Junction	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	3/11/2023 19:53	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	daytime	Write daytime as one word not day time.	Merriam-Webster dictionary	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	3/11/2023 19:55	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	DCCEEW	Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.	DCCEEW website	Definition;#Acronym	Technical	26/11/2023 18:02	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	decision-making	Write 'decision-making' with a hyphen.	Macquarie Dictionary	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	26/11/2023 18:11	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	decision-making framework	A structured process and set of principles and considerations to guide the Authority to make decisions on proposals and options.		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:12	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	deliverable	Specific, measurable and well-defined tangible or intangible outputs, products or services to be produced by the project to help realise the project's objectives.	Project Management Framework	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	dependencies	Signifying a reliance on the partial or complete delivery of another project, or on a non-project related product, task, or event.	Project Management Framework	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	discussion paper	A requirement of the Basin Plan Review set out in the Water Act. The discussion paper must be prepared in consultation with the Basin states and the Basin Community Committee and released in 2026. The Discussion Paper will set out the issues to be addressed in the review of the Basin Plan and be published on the		Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	26/11/2023 18:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	diversion	The removal of water from a river system by means of pumping or gravity channels.		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:17	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	Data and Analytics Management Framework (DAMF)	The Data and Analytics Management Framework (DAMF) provides a suite of tools, templates and guidelines to inform and support MDBA staff with data management during projects.	Data and Analytics Management Framework (DAMF)	Acronym	Technical	7/05/2024 10:44	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	degrees Celsius	See Temperature		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	27/08/2024 17:37	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	DEECA	Victorian Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	DEECA website	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:01	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	DEW	South Australian Department for Environment and Water	DEW website	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:03	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

D	DH/HOD	Division Head / Head of Division (previously First Assistant Secretary (FAS))	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:03	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	DPHI	New South Wales Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure DPHI website	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:24	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	DoV	deed of variation	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:25	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	DSA	data sharing agreement	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:27	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
D	DTR	Diurnal Tide Ratios	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	e.g.	Spell out in full 'for example'. Avoid using Latin shortened forms unless there is limited space, such as tables or in technical and specialist publications. Example They found some aspects of grammar confusing, for example the different types of pronouns.	Inactive	Whole of Government	26/10/2023 9:29	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	environmental management plans	All lower case.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	26/10/2023 10:21	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	environmental water	Do not use. Instead, use 'water for the environment'.	Inactive	MDBA style	26/10/2023 10:23	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	environmental water holder	All lower case in generic context, but Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	26/10/2023 11:32	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	Environmental Watering Plan	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. The long-term Environmental Watering Plans provide detail on environmental objectives and targets at a regional scale, as well as watering requirements for a range of environmental assets and functions. Water resource plans provide for environmental watering to occur consistently with the MDBA Environmental Watering Strategy and the Environmental Watering Plan. See the preferred term 'water for the environment'.	Spelling or punctuation;#Definition	The Basin Plan;#Technical	2/11/2023 11:42	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

E	et al.	Use for more than 3 authors in in-text references; in main text use 'and others' Example (Last name of author et al., 2018).	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	2/11/2023 11:47	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	evaluation framework	Lower case unless the specific name of a framework.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	2/11/2023 12:00	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	Executive	Write 'the Executive' instead of 'the Executive Team'.	Preferred term	MDBA style	2/11/2023 12:08	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	El Niño	El Niño is written with a space and a tilde above the second 'n' in Niño. Create the tilde by holding down the Alt key and typing 1 6 4 on the numeric keyboard (with Num Lock turned on).	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	3/11/2023 20:01	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	Earth	Upper case 'E' when used as a proper noun: the Earth's surface. Use lower case 'e' when writing about soil or the ground.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	3/11/2023 20:06	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	en dash	Use en dashes between 2 nouns that both retain their original meaning. These are called 'coordinate nouns'. An en dash is twice the width of a hyphen. Examples Murray–Darling Basin, Barmah–Millewa Forest Create an en dash by holding down the Alt key and typing 0 1 5 0 on the numeric keyboard (with Num Lock turned on). Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	10/11/2023 22:59	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	environmental watering requirements	The environmental watering requirements of a priority environmental asset or priority ecosystem function, as the case may be, identified using the methods set out in Part 5 of Chapter 8. See 'environmental assets'.	Definition	Technical;#The Basin Plan	24/11/2023 18:57	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	Early Insights Paper	The MDBA will share early thinking on the Basin Plan Review to build understanding of the issues so everyone can participate fully in the consultation. Scheduled for release in mid-2024. This is not a statutory requirement.	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:18	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	efficiency projects (up water)	Efficiency projects (up water) allow consumptive water to be used more efficiently, with water savings transferred to the environmental holdings.	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:19	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

E	environmental assets	Environmental assets include: (a) water dependent ecosystems (b) ecosystem services (c) sites with ecological significance	Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	26/11/2023 18:21 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	environmentally sustainable level of take (ESLT)	The environmentally sustainable level of take (ESLT) is the amount of water that can be taken for consumptive uses while ensuring there is enough water to sustain the environment and achieve statutory outcomes. The Water Act requires the sustainable diversion limits (SDL) in the Basin Plan reflect an ESLT. This term is defined in section 4 of the Water Act.	Definition;#Acronym	Technical;#The Water Act	26/11/2023 18:25 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	environmental assets and ecosystem functions database	The Basin Plan determines that: 1. The Authority <i>must</i> establish and maintain a database identifying information about environmental assets and ecosystem functions that require environmental watering (the environmental assets and ecosystem functions database). Note: This database is expected to include information used in the development of the Basin Plan which will be added to on an ongoing basis. 2. The Authority <i>may</i> publish the database on its website.	Definition	Technical;#The Basin Plan	26/11/2023 18:26 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	Executive Board (EB)	The MDBA's Executive Board (EB) is the peak internal governance, decision-making body, and leadership forum for our organisation.	Acronym;#Definition	MDBA style	15/01/2024 16:42 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	ED	Executive Director	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:28 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EEWD	Enhanced Environmental Water Delivery	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:11 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EM	Environmental Management	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:12 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EPP	Environmental Pathways Project	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:29 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EPP	Environmental Pathways Project	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:30 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	ERC	Expenditure review committee (Federal)	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:31 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

E	ERP	Environmental Recovery Project/Program	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:31 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	ESIP	Environmental Water Protection Strategy and Implementation Plan	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:32 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EWC	Environmental Watering Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:33 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EWP	Environmental Watering Plan	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:34 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EWMP	Environmental Works and Measures Program	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:34 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EWRs	Environmental Watering Requirements	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:34 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EWT	Environmental Water Trials	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:35 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EWTOF	Environmental Water Trade-Off Framework	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:35 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EM	Efficiency Measures (under the WESA)	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:06 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EPBC	Refers to the relevant version of the Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:07 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EWMF	Environmental Works and Measures Feasibility project	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:07 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
E	EWMF	Environmental Water Knowledge and Research project	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:08 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	First Nations	Preferred term instead of Indigenous. Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. For more information on usage, refer to the MDBA Cultural protocols and style guide. MDBA First Nations cultural protocols and style guide	Definition	Whole of Government;#Cultural protocols	25/10/2023 14:19 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	floodplain	Lower case, one word. Exception: in proper names such as the icon site 'Chowilla Floodplain and Lindsay-Wallpolla Islands'.	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	25/10/2023 14:19 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

F	figure numbering	Number by chapter in reports or documents. Example 1.1, 1.2 ...; 2.1, 2.2 etc.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	7/11/2023 13:30	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	figure	In documents, Figure plural is capitalised. Example seeFigures 4.10 and 4.11.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	7/11/2023 13:34	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	figure title and caption	Write the figure title and caption underneath the figure.No punctuation after the number. Example Figure 1.1 Murrumbidgee region. Full stop after figure title only if there is further information in a caption. Example Figure 1.1 Murrumbidgee region. The westernmost boundary is defined by xxxx. For sources and other figure notes, include after the caption (use the style created for these in Word).		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	7/11/2023 13:38	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	firsthand	One word, not 'first hand'.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	7/11/2023 13:41	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	First Nations people	The generally preferred term, rather than Aboriginal people or Indigenous people. MDBA First Nations cultural protocols and style guide	Definition;#Preferred term	Cultural protocols;#Whole of Government		7/11/2023 13:44	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	fish species	Generally all lower case except Murray cod, Murray–Darling rainbowfish, Murray hardyhead, Australian smelt. All lower case unless starting a sentence with the name of the fish species. Example Fivebough and Tuckerbil Swamps	Finterest website	Spelling or punctuation;#Flora or fauna	MDBA style	7/11/2023 13:52	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	Swamps	Not Fivebough–Tuckerbil Swamps. Lower case 'and'.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	7/11/2023 13:55	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	First Nations Country	Always upper case 'C' on Country.		Spelling or punctuation	Cultural protocols;#Whole of Government	10/11/2023 22:36	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
F	First Nations Cultures	Always upper case 'C' on Culture, Cultures or Cultural.		Spelling or punctuation	Cultural protocols	10/11/2023 22:37	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		Write as lower case.				
		Example Sea to Hume fishway.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:19 Item
F	fishways					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		The 2026 Basin Plan Review will investigate opportunities to recognise and, where possible, contribute to the achievement of First Nations aspirations for water management in the Basin.		Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 18:57 Item
F	First Nations theme					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		The taking of water from a floodplain, including after it leaves a watercourse during a flood.		Definition	Technical;#The Basin Plan	24/11/2023 18:57 Item
F	floodplain harvesting					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Write 'fact sheet' as 2 words, not 'factsheet'.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	3/01/2024 11:10 Item
F	fact sheet					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		First Assistant Secretary (now HOD)		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 9:29 Item
F	FAS					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Forestry Corporation NSW		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:40 Item
F	FCNSW					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Financial Management Information System		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 12:41 Item
F	FMIS					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Floodplain Operations Tool Solutions		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:10 Item
F	FpOTS (FpOT)					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Flood plain harvesting		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:10 Item
F	FPH					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Federation Funding Agreement		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:07 Item
F	FFA					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Functional and Efficiency Review		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:07 Item
F	FER					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Gigalitres. 1 GL = 1 million litres = 1,000 megalitres (ML). Use the abbreviation after the first iteration of writing gigalitres in full. Examples The water release totalled 25 gigalitres per year (GL/year), an increase of 5 GL/year. Water releases decreased from a target of 3 gigalitres per day (GL/day) to a target of 2.7 GL/day.		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	25/10/2023 14:20 Item
G	gigalitres, GL					sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

G	grant	Non-profit funding opportunities that provide financial assistance towards achieving specific project objectives.	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:01	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	Goulburn–Broken	Use en dash between Goulburn and Broken not a hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	30/11/2023 10:41	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	GM	General Manager	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 9:29	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	GBCMA	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:11	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	GFCCG	Gunbower Flow Constraints Community Group	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:12	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	GMS	Groundwater Modelling System	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	GAB	Great Artesian Basin	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:08	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	GIS	geographical information system or geographic information system	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:08	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	GAB IIP	Great Artesian Infrastructure Investment Program	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:08	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	GABSI	Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:08	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
G	GMW	Goulburn–Murray Water Connections project. Goulburn–Murray is written with an en dash, not a hyphen.	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:09	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
H	high conservation value aquatic ecosystems	Do not use acronym.	Spelling or punctuation;#Acronym	MDBA style	8/11/2023 8:45	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
H	Hume to Yarrawonga reach	Lower case 'to and 'reach'.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 8:50	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
H	northern/southern hemisphere	All lower case.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 13:26	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

H	held environmental water (HEW)	Held environmental water is water available under: (a) a water access right, or (b) a water delivery right, or (c) an irrigation right, for the purposes of achieving environmental outcomes (including water that is specified in a water access right to be for environmental use).	Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	26/11/2023 18:32	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
H	Hotspots	Irrigation Hotspots Assessment Program	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:09	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
H	HHWUE	Healthy Headwaters Water Use Efficiency Program	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:10	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	i.e.	Use 'that is' instead. Example The department has a major problem with its website –that is, users find pages are very slow to load.	Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation;#Inactive	Whole of Government	8/11/2023 9:00	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	icon site/s	Do not capitalise the term 'icon site/s', use all lower case letters. Use the following formats for icon site names. Barmah–Millewa ForestGunbower–Koondrook–Perricoota ForestHattah LakesChowilla Floodplain and Lindsay–Wallpolla IslandsLower Lakes, Coorong and Murray MouthRiver Murray Channel Note the use of en dashes , not hyphens in icon site names.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	8/11/2023 9:07	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	Indigenous	Always upper case 'I' when referring to Australia's Indigenous people(s). However the term 'First Nations people' is generally preferred, rather than Aboriginal people or Indigenous people.	MDBA First Nations cultural protocols and style guide	Spelling or punctuation;#Preferred term	MDBA style;#Cultural protocols	8/11/2023 9:10	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	Indigenous river rangers	Lower case 'river rangers' unless writing the full program		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	8/11/2023 9:16	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

I	Indigenous River Rangers Program	Title case when writing the program name. The Murray–Darling Basin Indigenous River Rangers Program was established in 2021 to empower Indigenous organisations to improve waterway health, manage Country and sustain the Basin's valuable environmental assets.	National Indigenous Australians Agency website	Spelling or punctuation;#Definition	Whole of Government	8/11/2023 9:17	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	Image captions	Image captions have a full stop at the end of the sentence in both web and print content.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 13:53	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP)	Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) refers to the rights that First Nations people have, and want to have, to protect their traditional arts and culture.	The Arts Law Centre of Australia	Acronym	Whole of Government	10/11/2023 22:22	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	Integration Group	Internal MDBA non-decision-making group to provide strategic and technical advice, assistance and assessment on the Basin Outlook, Sustainable Yields, Sustainable Rivers Audit, Evaluation and Basin Plan Review projects to make recommendations to the Basin Plan Review Executive Board.		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:34	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	interception	The interception of surface water or groundwater that would otherwise flow, directly or indirectly, into a watercourse, lake, wetland, aquifer, dam, or reservoir that is a Basin water resource.		Definition;#Water management 101	Technical;#The Water Act	26/11/2023 18:36	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	international agreement	An agreement whose parties are: (a) Australia and a foreign country, or (b) Australia and 2 or more foreign countries. See 'relevant international agreements' and 'Ramsar Convention'.		Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	26/11/2023 18:38	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	intergovernmental	Write intergovernmental as one word with no hyphen, not inter-governmental.		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	30/11/2023 22:40	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	inter-valley trade	inter-valley is hyphenated. Unless at the start of a sentence, write 'inter-valley trade' all lower case. Spell out in full and include the acronym in brackets the first time used in a web page or document: 'inter-valley		Spelling or punctuation;#Acronym	MDBA style	6/12/2023 11:23	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	Independent River Operations Review Group (IRORG)	An advisory committee established by, and reporting to, the Murray–Darling Basin Authority.		Acronym	MDBA style	19/02/2024 10:43	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

I	Integrated River Modelling Uplift (IRMU)	The Integrated River Modelling Uplift (IRMU) is a program of work that will enhance the 24 Basin river models and integrate these in a contemporary cloud-based framework.	Read more about IRMU on the MDBA website	Acronym;#Definition	MDBA style	19/03/2024 13:41 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	Inspector-General of Water Compliance (IGWC)	The Inspector-General of Water Compliance is a statutory office holder with oversight, monitoring, regulatory functions and powers, established under the <i>Water Act (2007)</i> .	Inspector-General of Water Compliance (IGWC)	Acronym	Technical	7/05/2024 14:38 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IGA	Intergovernmental Agreement Intergovernmental Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin to address the implementation of toolkit measures		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:30 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IAR	Infrastructure Assets Register		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:14 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IDEL	Individual Daily Extraction Limits		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:15 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IHSEP	Independent Hydroclimate Expert Panel		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:16 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	ILS	Integrated leadership systems		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:16 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IO	Integrated operations		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:17 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IOS	Integrated operations strategy		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:17 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IRMU	Integrated River Modelling Uplift		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:18 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	Index Table / Accredited Text Table	The table titled 'Victoria's North and Murray Water Resource Plan Accredited Text Table', containing the creditable text for the purpose of the proposed WRP.		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:19 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	ITP's	Inspection test plans		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:19 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

I	ITSA	IT Security Advisor	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:20	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IVT	Inter Valley Transfer	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:20	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IWH	Instream Woody Habitat	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:21	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	ILSC	Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:09	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
I	IFM	Irrigated Farm Modernisation projects	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:10	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
J	jurisdictions	Write as lower case 'jurisdictions', unless writing at the start of a sentence.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 14:02	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
J	JPBC	Joint Programs Budget Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:21	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
J	JPIRT	Joint Programs Implementation Review Taskforce	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:22	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
J	JVM&E	Joint Venture Monitoring and Evaluation Program	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:22	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
K	Koondrook–Perricoota	Use en dash between Koondrook and Perricoota not a	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	30/11/2023 10:29	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
K	KAF	Knowledge acquisition framework	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:23	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
K	KCS	Knowledge collaboration strategy	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:24	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
K	KF	Knowledge framework	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:24	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
K	KGIs	Knowledge gap investigations	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:25	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	Lachlan Regulated River Water Source	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 9:19	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

L	Lake Albacutya	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 9:19	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	Lake Wetherell	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	8/11/2023 9:20	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	lamprey	Lower case unless used at the start of a sentence. See 'fish species.		Spelling or punctuation;#Flora or fauna	MDBA style	8/11/2023 9:21	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		<p>Spell out names of Acts etc in full with year, in italics (plus jurisdiction, in roman using abbreviation) the first time they are mentioned in a chapter subsection.</p> <p>Example The <i>Water Act 2007</i> (Cth). after that use the short title without date or italics.</p> <p>Example The Water Act.</p> <p>Refer to the Water Act first, and section etc after that.</p> <p>Example According to the Water Act (s. 2(i) item 6).</p> <p>When referencing sections of Acts, use abbreviation for section(s).</p> <p>Example 's. 22(1)'.</p> <p>For in-text references to Acts use the form '(Water Act s. 22(1)), (Water Act s. 2(i) item 6) etc.</p>						
L	legislation	Do not italicise names of regulations, ordinances, orders	Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	8/11/2023 9:47	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	Lake Mokoan	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	8/11/2023 13:55	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an uppercase letter. Include the First Nations name in brackets, and not in italics.					
	Temporary update October 2024 – do not use '(Tar-Ru)' when referring to Lake Victoria					
	There is no need to change any references to Tar-Ru for material that currently exists. The Lake is known as Tar-Ru and that is widely accepted.					
	However, in engaging with and consulting with the traditional owners at Lake Victoria, they prefer us to use Lake Victoria (without Tar-Ru) to avoid confusion with the neighbouring lands which are referred to as Tar-Ru lands (Tar-Ru for short). There is an ongoing native title claim for	Lake Victoria (Tar-Ru), MDBA website	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	Whole of Government;#Cultural protocols	8/11/2023 13:57	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	Lake Victoria (Tar-Ru)					
	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Create the tilde above the second 'n' in 'Niña' by holding down the Alt key and pressing 1 6 4 on the numeric keyboard (with Num Lock turned on).		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 13:59	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	La Niña					
	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Use en dash between 'Lindsay' and 'Wallpolla' not a hyphen.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 14:02	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	Lindsay–Wallpolla Islands					
	Lower case 'p' on program.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 14:10	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	The Living Murray program					
	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 14:14	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	Local Government Areas					
	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 14:15	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	Lower Lakes					
	Upper case 'L' and upper case 'M'.					
	(Note: corrected in August 2024, from 'lower Murray', for consistency with other locations)		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 14:16	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	Lower Murray					
	Given meaning by item 7 of the table in subsection 22(1) of the <i>Water Act 2007</i> (Cth).		Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	26/11/2023 18:41	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	long-term annual diversion limit					
	Given meaning by item 6 of the table in subsection 22(1) of the <i>Water Act 2007</i> (Cth).		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:42	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	long-term average sustainable diversion limit					

L	Lower Darling (Baaka)	Upper case 'L' and upper case 'D'. The First Nations name for the Darling (Baaka) River is	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	13/09/2024 18:11 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LCM	Loss Capitalisation Mechanism	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:27 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LALC	Local Aboriginal Land Council	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:28 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LLCMM	Lower Lakes, Coorong and Murray Mouth	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:28 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LLR	Lower Landscape Regulators	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:29 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LLS	Local Land Service	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:29 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LM	Living Murray - TLM The Living Murray	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:30 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LMI	Living Murray Initiative	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:30 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LTA	Long-term average annual	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:31 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LTCE	Long Term Cap Equivalent	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:39 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LTDLE	Long-term diversion limit equivalent	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:40 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LTWP	Long-term Watering Plan	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:40 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LVAC	Lake Victoria Advisory Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:41 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LVOS	Lake Victoria Operating Strategy	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:41 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LVWG	Lake Victoria Working Group	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:42 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
L	LTAAY	Long Term Average Annual Yield	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:18 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

M	Mallee Zone, Mallee region		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 14:16	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MDBA Executive	Add 'the', when referring to the senior executive team. Example the MDBA executive team.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 14:22	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Mid-Murray	Use hyphen between 'Mid' and 'Murray'.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	8/11/2023 14:41	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	minister(s)	For generic use, all lower case unless writing the full ministerial title. Example the ministers... Note: use 'the Australian Government Minister responsible for Water' (not 'the Water Minister').	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	10/11/2023 8:50	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Morgan, South Australia	Include the state in first appearance, then 'Morgan'	Spelling or punctuation; #Places	MDBA style	10/11/2023 8:52	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Ministerial Council	Write as 'Ministerial Council' but all lower case if it is just 'the council'.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	10/11/2023 9:01	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Mount Lofty Ranges	Use upper case 'R' on Ranges.	Spelling or punctuation; #Places	MDBA style	10/11/2023 9:03	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray cod	Always upper case 'M' and lower case 'c'. See 'fish species'.	Spelling or punctuation; #Flora or fauna	MDBA style	10/11/2023 9:08	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray Darling Association	No hyphen or en dash.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	10/11/2023 9:09	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray–Darling	Use en dash between 'Murray' and 'Darling' not a hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	10/11/2023 9:15	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray–Darling Basin	Use en dash between 'Murray' and 'Darling' not a hyphen. Always upper case 'b' on Basin.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	10/11/2023 9:21	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray–Darling Basin Agreement (the Agreement)	Do not Italicise. Use upper case 'A' for further mentions of 'Agreement'. Use en dash between 'Murray' and 'Darling' not a hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	10/11/2023 9:27	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray–Darling Basin Authority	Spell out the first time in a major section/chapter. Subsequently use 'the MDBA' to refer to the organisation. Use en dash between 'Murray' and 'Darling' not a hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	10/11/2023 9:29	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray–Darling Basin Ministerial Council	Use en dash between 'Murray' and 'Darling' not a hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	10/11/2023 10:35	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

M	Murray–Darling rainbowfish	Use en dash between 'Murray' and 'Darling' not a hyphen. Write 'rainbowfish' as one word, not 'rainbow fish'. See 'fish species'.	Spelling or punctuation;#Flora or fauna	MDBA style	10/11/2023 14:49	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray–Darling Water and Environment Research Program (MD-WERP)	Use hyphen in the abbreviation MD-WERP, not en dash. If writing in full, use en dash between 'Murray' and 'Darling' not hyphen: Murray–Darling.	Spelling or punctuation;#Acronym	MDBA style	10/11/2023 14:52	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray Geological Basin		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	10/11/2023 14:53	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)	The Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) is a confederation of Indigenous Nations or Traditional Owners in the southern part of the Murray–Darling Basin. The group was formed in 1998 and currently includes representatives from over 20 Nations. MLDRIN website	Acronym;#Water management 101	MDBA style	10/11/2023 14:54	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray Mouth; the mouth	Lower case 'the mouth' or title case 'Murray Mouth'.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	10/11/2023 14:54	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray River – see River Murray	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	10/11/2023 14:55	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murrumbidgee region	Upper case 'M' and lower case 'r'.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	10/11/2023 14:56	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murrumbidgee River	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	10/11/2023 14:56	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	maintenance	Includes the execution of all work of any description which is necessary to keep an existing work in the state of utility in which it was upon its original completion or upon the completion of any improvement or replacement of the work. However, it does not include:(a) the execution of any improvement to the design or function of that work, or (b) the replacement of the whole of that work, or (c) work to remedy the extraordinary failure of all or part of that work.	Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	26/11/2023 18:43	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Matter Reports (Schedule 12 Reports)	Reports required under Schedule 12 of the Basin Plan. For each matter listed in Schedule 12, each reporter listed for the matter must, for each reporting period and by the reporting day, produce a report (S13.14 of Basin Plan).Annual reports are due 31 October each year. Five-yearly reports are due 31 October 2024 and will be a key line of evidence for the 2025 Basin Plan Evaluation.	Definition	Technical;#The Basin Plan	26/11/2023 18:44	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		Types of water modelling;					
M	models	hydrological modelhydrodynamic modellingscenario modellingSource, the River Murray and lower Darling (Baaka) River systems modelIntegrated River Modelling Uplift (IRMU)National Hydrologic Modelling Strategy	MDBA website	Definition;#Acronym	Technical;#MDBA style	26/11/2023 18:47 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Water resource modelling helps the MDBA, governments, and water authorities manage water by showing how different decisions, policies, or environmental factors could affect our rivers.					
		By testing different scenarios, computer modelling gives scientists objective information. Modelling can predict effects on: water flowswater qualityecosystems. Modelling takes into account: the amount of water flowing in the river (hydrological modelling)the shape of the river bed and floodplain (hydrodynamic modelling)water used for irrigation or town supplyother factors such as the impact of climate change.	MDBA website	Definition	Technical;#MDBA style	26/11/2023 18:51 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	modelling for water management						
M	monitoring	Monitoring is the means by which we obtain the data and information. It is distinct from, but provides input to, assessments of effectiveness and impact of policy initiatives (such as the assessment undertaken through the 2025 Basin Plan Evaluation) to manage the Basin		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:51 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	milestone	Specific and significant junctures in a project's timeline such as a change, phase, activity, or checkpoint requiring time, resources and effort to accomplish.	MDBA Project Management Framework	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:52 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Murray-Sunset National Park	Use hyphen between Murray and Sunset.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	30/11/2023 11:43 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Megalitres. 1 million litres = 1,000 megalitres (ML) = 1 gigalitre (GL). Use the abbreviation after first iteration of megalitres in full.					
		ExamplesWater releases decreased from 3,000 megalitres per day (ML/day) to a target of 2,500 ML/day. Water releases increased from 2,000 megalitres per year (ML/year) to a target of 2,500 ML/year.					
M	megalitres, ML			Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	30/11/2023 20:59 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

M	MoU	memorandum of understanding	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:31 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Min Brief/MB	Ministerial Brief	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:20 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Min Corro/MC	ministerial correspondence	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:20 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Min Sub/MS	ministerial submission	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:21 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MDBA ARC	MDBA Audit and Risk Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:45 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MDFRC	Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:46 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MDBNRM	South Australia Murray–Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:48 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MER	Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting section	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:48 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MEWG	Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:49 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MIL	Murray Irrigation Limited	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:50 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MLS	Menindee Lake System	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:50 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MWUG	Menindee Water Users Group	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:51 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MMSP	Metering and Monitoring Service Package	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 14:57 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation Note: preferred government style is to not use acronyms in written communications but spell out in full terms that are not well known.	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:19 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MERWG	Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:19 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MLDRIN	Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations	Acronym	MDBA style	23/09/2024 9:20 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

M	MERI	Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:25	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MYEFO	Mid-Year Economic Fiscal Outlook (December)	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:26	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	MDB EDP	Murray–Darling Basin Economic Development Program	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:11	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
M	Menindee	Menindee Lakes project	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:11	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	N/A	Use this form for 'not applicable' in tables, not lower case n/a. Use an en dash if there is data missing, not a blank table cell or hyphen. Example Name Title John Doe N/A Jane Doe –	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	15/11/2023 14:18	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	Narran Lake Nature Reserve	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	15/11/2023 14:20	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	Narran Lakes	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter. Example One of the lakes is called 'Narran Lake'.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	15/11/2023 14:24	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

Use numerals for '2' and above, write the numbers 'zero' and 'one' in words.

Example

Only one person agreed to it. Their aim is zero net emissions by 2050. They were open to discussing 3 options.

In tables, numerals are right aligned, even if they have decimal points. Use a comma between groups of 4 or more digits.

Example

1,000 not 1 000 or 1000 1,000,000 not 1 000 000 or 1000000

Use words to write ordinal numbers up to 'ninth' and numerals for '10th' and above. Ordinals written as numerals always have a suffix

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N	Numbers, numerals		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	21/11/2023 16:22	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	native title	Write in all lower case 'native title' except when writing <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> (Cth).	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	21/11/2023 16:37	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	nighttime	Write nighttime as one word, not night time.	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	21/11/2023 16:38	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN)		Spelling or punctuation; #Acronym	MDBA style	22/11/2023 8:52	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

N	numbered lists	<p>Avoid using, unless the numbering is essential.</p> <p>Example For steps in a process. If using numbers: Number figures and tables consecutively within chapters.</p> <p>Example Table 1.1, Table 1.2 etc.</p> <p>Number subsections in chapters.</p> <p>Example Heading 2 should be preceded by a number such as 1.2.</p>	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	22/11/2023 9:00	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	Numbers, phone numbers	<p>Write telephone numbers so people can read and use them easily. Write telephone numbers in a format appropriate for the location of the users. Put a non-breaking space between the chunks of digits to stop them from breaking over lines. Generally on the MDBA website where the audience can be international, include the country code. Break telephone numbers into shorter blocks of digits or chunks.Example +61 2 5550 4321 (Australian landline number in international format) +61 491 570 159 (Australian mobile number in international format)02 5550 4321 (landline number)0491 570 159 (Australian mobile number)1300 975 707 (Australia-wide local-rate number)13 00 00 (Australia-wide local-rate number)1800 160 401 (Australia-wide freephone number)</p> <p>Australian Government Style Manual</p>	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	24/11/2023 11:30	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	National Water Initiative	<p>The Intergovernmental Agreement on a National Water Initiative between the Commonwealth of Australia and the governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory (as amended from time to time).</p>	Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	26/11/2023 18:53	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	natural flow	<p>The quantity of water that would have flowed in a river past a particular point in a particular period but for the effect during that period of diversions to or from, and impoundments on, the river upstream of that point.</p>	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:53	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

N	Northern Basin Toolkit	<p>The Australian Government is working with the New South Wales and Queensland governments to implement environmental works and measures identified in the Northern Basin Review, collectively known as the 'Northern Basin Toolkit'. The 6 Northern Basin Toolkit measures include:</p> <p>arrangements to protect environmental flow targeted recovery of water event-based mechanisms (such as options for pumping and store-and-release) improvements to the coordination and delivery of environmental water environmental works and measures to promote fish movement and habitat (such as building fishways) removal of physical constraints in the Gwydir catchment to improve flows to the wetlands.</p>	DCCEEW website	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:55	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	northern Basin	Write as 'northern Basin' with a lower case 'n'. Basin always starts with upper case 'B'. However the 'Northern Basin Toolkit' is written in title case.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	30/11/2023 16:46	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	New South Wales Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	<p>The New South Wales Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water was created in 2024. The department works to protect the state's environment and heritage. It leads the way on climate change, driving the sustainable transition to a net zero economy, powered by affordable, reliable, and clean energy. Read more on the New South Wales Government website.</p>	New South Wales Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Spelling or punctuation; #Preferred term	Whole of Government	24/01/2024 17:32	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NPA	National Partnership Agreement		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:32	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NPP	New Policy Proposals (Federal Budget)		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:34	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NCCMA	Northern Central Catchment Management Authority		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:36	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NCCP	National Carp Control Plan		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:36	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NHMS	National Hydrological Modelling Strategy		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:37	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NHMP	National Hydrological Modelling Platform		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:37	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

N	NRAR	Natural Resources Access Regulator	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:38	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NSW OEH	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:38	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NSW RMS	NSW Roads and Maritime Services	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:39	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NSW SCS	NSW Soil Conservation Service	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:39	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NVMP	Native vegetation management plan	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:39	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NWRC	National Water Reform Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:40	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NIAA	National Indigenous Australians Agency	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:31	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NPP	National Partnership Agreement	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:32	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NWI	National Water Initiative	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:32	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NBR	Northern Basin Review	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:12	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NHMP/S	National Hydrological Modelling Platform / Strategy	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:12	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NWIDF	National Water Infrastructure Development Fund	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NWILF	National Water Infrastructure Loans Facility	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
N	NWMS	National Water Market System project	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
O	outlook for the Basin	A shared understanding of the condition and trend of environmental, social, economic and cultural values in the Basin. The MDBA will assess risks to these values and provide insights into the future condition of the Basin.	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:59	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
O	optimisation	The action of making the best or most effective use of a situation or resource.	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:59	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

O	OPDs	order for the production of documents		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:24 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
O	OAG	Operations Advisory Group		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:41 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
O	OEMP	Operating Environmental Management Plan		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:41 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
O	OFEP	Off-Farm Efficiency Program		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:14 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
O	OFEWIRS	On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:14 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
O	OFIEP	Commonwealth On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:15 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	purple spotted gudgeon	Write as 'purple spotted gudgeon', no hyphen between 'purple' and 'spotted'. See 'fish species'.		Spelling or punctuation;#Flora or fauna	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:55 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	percentages	Use the % symbol not 'per cent', no space between the digits and per cent symbol. However avoid starting a sentence with numerals or percentages, instead spell out in full. Example It occurred more than 55% of the time.	Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation;#Inactive	Whole of Government	21/11/2023 14:00 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	parliament, the parliament, federal parliament	Lower case unless writing 'the Parliament of Australia', 'the Australian Parliament'. When referencing the parliamentary chambers: the House (upper case), the Senate (upper case).		Preferred term	Whole of Government	21/11/2023 14:04 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	permitted take	Total quantity of water permitted to be taken during a water accounting period in a water resource plan area, varying from year to year according to the interaction of climate, inflows, and water resource plan rules (that is allocation rules, access rules).See 'take'.		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:59 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	project lifecycle	The sequence of phases through which a project progresses: initiate, plan, execute and close.	MDBA Project Management Framework	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:02 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	project proposal	Represents the business case to justify and secure funding for a proposed project. Project proposals are created and assessed in the PPMS and represent the 'initiate' phase of the project lifecycle.	MDBA Project Management Framework	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:02 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

P	planned environmental water	Water used for environmental outcomes which is not associated with an entitlement but is managed through rules set out in water management plans or laws.		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:04	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	procurement	Encompasses the whole process of acquiring goods and services including the acquisition of goods and services on behalf of another entity or a third party.	Commonwealth Procurement Rules	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:04	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	project plan	Shows the major products, activities and resources required for the delivery of the project outputs.		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:04	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	project tiering	A project management methodology for project segmentation and prioritisation. A project's tier classification determines the reporting obligations for the	MDBA Project Management Framework	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:04	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PGPA Act	Public Governance Performance and Accountability Act		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 9:35	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PGPA Rules	Public Governance Performance and Accountability Rules		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:11	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PMC	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	PMC website	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:12	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PPM/PPMs	prerequisite policy measures		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PDMS	Parliamentary Document Management System. The system used in MDBA for tracking correspondence with ministers' offices.		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:24	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PQoN	Parliamentary Questions on Notice		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:25	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PCU	Procurement and Contracts Unit		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:42	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PEA	Priority Environmental Assets		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:42	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PEF	Priority Ecosystem Functions		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:43	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PEW	Planned Environmental Water		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:43	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

P	Proposed WRP	The WRP drafted and submitted for assessment by States, as per the date stipulated on cover page of assessment report.	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:44 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PIIOP	Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:15 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
P	PIIP-South Australia	Private Irrigation Infrastructure Program for South Australia (aka PIIPSA)	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:16 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
Q	QA	Quality Assurance	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:14 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
Q	QoN	Questions on Notice	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:25 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
Q	QTB	Question Time Brief	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:26 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	Riverland	Write as 'Riverland' not 'River land'.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:26 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	river red gum	Write as 'river red gum' all lower case, 3 words. Not 'River Redgum' or 'River Red Gum'.	Spelling or punctuation;#Flora or fauna	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:27 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	River Murray system	Write 'River Murray system' with a lower case 's' on system. When writing as 'the river system', lower case 'r' on river.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:29 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	River Murray	Write as 'River Murray' or 'the River Murray'. Also see 'River Murray system'.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:30 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	regional office	<p>MDBA 'regional office' not 'regional site'. Write as plural when referring to multiple offices within a region or state. Write 'all offices, excluding Canberra' in other situations. Write as lower case 'regional office' except when writing the names of specific offices.</p> <p>Example Adelaide Office, South Australia Canberra Office, Australian Capital Territory (not head office) Goondiwindi Office, Queensland Griffith Office, New South Wales Mildura Office, Victoria Murray Bridge Office, South Australia Wodonga Office, Victoria (not Albury-Wodonga Office)</p>	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:49 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

R	region	Write as lower case in 'Murrumbidgeeregion' etc.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:51	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	red alert	Relates to water quality threats such as blue-green algae. Write as lower case 'red alert'.		Spelling or punctuation;	#Definition MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:52	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	Ramsar, Ramsar Convention	Write in full the first time the 'Convention on Wetlands of International Importance', thereafter write as 'Ramsar Convention'. See 'relevant international agreements' and 'international agreement'. Ramsar website		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government;	21/11/2023 13:53	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	Roadmap to the Basin Plan Review	The 2026 Roadmap to the Basin Plan Review is a public- facing document that helps the community understand the work the MDBA has planned over the next 3 years and how people can get involved. MDBA website		Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:23	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	river operations	River operations means activities under the <i>Water Act 2007</i> (Cth) relating to: (a) the construction, operation, maintenance and renewal of works on, adjacent to, or connected to the upper River Murray or the River Murray in South Australia, and (b) the execution of the provisions of this Agreement concerning sharing water between State Contracting Governments (c) the provision of other services relating to water, to State Contracting Governments and other persons. Write in lower case 'river operations' unless starting a sentence or referring to the MDBA Program Area 'River Operations'.		Definition;	#Spelling or punctuation	26/11/2023 17:26	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	risk	According to ISO 31000, risk is the "effect of uncertainty on objectives" and an effect is a positive or negative deviation from what is expected. International Organization for Standardization (ISO)		Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 17:27	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		<p>Relevant international agreement means the following:</p> <p>(a) the Ramsar Convention</p> <p>(b) the Biodiversity Convention</p> <p>(c) the Desertification Convention</p> <p>(d) the Bonn Convention</p> <p>(e) CAMBA</p> <p>(f) JAMBA</p> <p>(g) ROKAMBA</p> <p>(h) the Climate Change Convention</p> <p>(i) any other international convention to which Australia is a party and that is:</p> <p>(i) relevant to the use and management of the Basin water resources, and</p> <p>(ii) prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this paragraph.</p>					
R	relevant international agreements	See 'Ramsar Convention' and 'international agreement'.	Definition	The Water Act;#Technical	26/11/2023 17:30	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RAID registers	<p>Registers used for the capture, tracking, and resolution of identified project Risks, Actions, Issues, and Decisions (RAID). RAID registers help to cultivate organised and strategic thinking, control projects, and prevent delays. They can also serve as a useful communications tool for demonstrating the status and progress of a project.</p> <p>MDBA Project Management Framework</p>	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	regulated flow	Is the flow resulting from the release of stored water other than during, or in anticipation of, floods.	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	regulated system	A surface water system in which water in a watercourse can be stored or flow levels are controlled, through the use of structures such as large dams and large weirs. See 'watercourse'.	Definition	Technical;#The Basin Plan	26/11/2023 19:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	regulation	Any rule endorsed by government where there is an expectation of compliance. Key elements of regulation including rules (commands), those who enact the rules (regulators), actions taken to manage non-compliance (controls), and individuals or organisations expected to	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	Regulatory Design theme	<p>The Basin Plan Review will consider whether the current regulatory design is fit for purpose and for the future. The MDBA will explore how clearly the Basin Plan is understood and whether it can be simplified to improve compliance. Principles based on best practice regulatory design will be used to identify which elements of the Basin Plan should be considered for redesign or refinement.</p> <p>MDBA website</p>	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 19:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

R	readability	<p>Readability refers to how easy a piece of text is to read and understand. It is often measured in terms of reading level. Reading level is an estimate of the minimum education level people need to be able to read a piece of text.</p> <p>The Australian Government Style Manual recommends writing to a reading level – after the removal of proper names and titles – of Year 7 (age range 12 to 14 years). Using literacy statistics, this means around 83% of the Australian population is likely to understand your content. The online Hemingway tool can help you achieve</p>	<p>Australian Government Style Manual</p>	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	29/11/2023 17:03	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	River Murray Data	River Murray Data is a web product offered by the MDBA, as such, the name is written in title case. It should not be shortened to River Data or called Riverdata.	<p>https://riverdata.mdba.gov.au/</p>	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	17/09/2024 18:10	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RFQ	Request for Quote		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:14	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RFT	Request for Tender		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:15	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RM8/CM9	Content Manager, Records Management System. The records management system used in the MDBA.		Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:15	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	REO	Regional Engagement Officer		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:45	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RMEMC	River Murray Erosion Management Committee		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:45	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RMFPAF	River Murray Fish Passage Advisory Forum		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:46	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RMIF	River Murray Increased Flow		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:46	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RMMAC	River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:47	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RMO	River Murray Operations		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:47	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RMOC	River Murray Operations Committee		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:47	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

R	RMUF	River Murray Unregulated Flows	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:48 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RMW	River Murray Water	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:48 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RRP	Riverine Recovery Project	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:49 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
R	RtB	Restoring the Balance Program (water purchase under SRWUIP)	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:34 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	state governments	<p>Write 'state government' with lower case 's' and 'g'. When using the name of a state government, use upper case 'G'. Abbreviate state names within tables. Basin state governments must be written in a specific order, not alphabetically.</p> <p>Example New South Wales GovernmentVictorian GovernmentQueensland GovernmentSouth Australian GovernmentAustralian Capital Territory Government</p>	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government;#MDBA style	16/11/2023 16:28 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	sustainable diversion limit areas (names of)	<p>Write upper case on the area name, but otherwise lower case.</p> <p>The Basin Plan sets sustainable diversion limits which is how much water can be used in the Basin, while leaving enough water to sustain natural ecosystems. To provide flexibility, the Basin Plan includes a mechanism to adjust sustainable diversion limits.</p> <p>Example Campaspe sustainable diversion limit area</p>	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:07 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	sustainable diversion limit adjustment mechanism	<p>Write sustainable diversion limit adjustment mechanism all lower case, unless starting a sentence. In documents write in full the first time in any document section, followed by the acronym in brackets.</p> <p>Example The sustainable diversion limit adjustment mechanism (SDLAM) ...</p>	Spelling or punctuation;#Acronym;#Water management	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:09 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	stocktake, stocktaking	Write as one word 'stocktake' or 'stocktaking' not 'stock	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:13 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

S	Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee Annual Reports	Write with no hyphens: Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee Annual Reports	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:14	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	southern bell frog	Write 'southern bell frog' all lower case.	Spelling or punctuation;#Flora or	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:14	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	South Australian–Victorian border	Write 'South Australian–Victorian border' with en dash, not hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	21/11/2023 13:15	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	social and economic	Write 'social and economic' instead of socioeconomic or socio-economic.	Preferred term	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:16	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	St, Saint	Write 'St' in preference to 'Saint' in place names. No full stop after St within the name. Example St George, Queensland	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	Whole of Government	21/11/2023 13:18	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	state names	Generally, spell state names in full except when used within tables or as an adjective. See 'state governments'	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	21/11/2023 13:21	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	surface water	Surface water includes:(a) water in a watercourse, lake or wetland, and (b) any water flowing over or lying on land: (i) after having precipitated naturally; or (ii) after having risen to the surface naturally from underground. Write 'surface water' lower case, 2 words, no hyphen. However write 'groundwater' as one word, not	Spelling or punctuation;#Definition ;#Water management	MDBA style;#Technical;#The Water Act	21/11/2023 13:23	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	sustainable diversion limit	The maximum long-term annual average quantity of water that can be taken, on a sustainable basis, from the Basin water resources as a whole, and the water resources, or particular parts of the water resources, of each water resource plan area. Write 'sustainable diversion limit' all lower case. In documents, write out in full the first time within each document section followed by the acronym in brackets. Example	Spelling or punctuation;#Acronym; #Water management	MDBA style;#The Water Act;#Technical	21/11/2023 13:25	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

S	Sustainable Rivers Audit	A trend and current-state condition assessment of the Murray–Darling Basin across the quadruple bottom line relative to Basin Plan objectives and outcomes. This is a 2022 election commitment.	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:22	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	Sustainable Water Limits theme	The Basin Plan Review will consider the environmentally sustainable level of take (ESLT) and surface water and groundwater sustainable diversion limits (SDLs) using the best available knowledge. MDBA website	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:22	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	supply projects (down water)	Supply projects aim to achieve the equivalent environmental outcomes with less water – requiring less water recovery and leaving more water in the consumptive	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:23	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	subject matter expert (SME)	Professionals who have advanced knowledge in a specific field. As an authority in a particular area or topic, they are uniquely qualified to provide guidance and strategy.	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:23	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	scenario planning	Developing options to enable decision makers to evaluate a range of potential outcomes and impacts for both positive and negative possibilities.	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:23	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SDL resource unit	The water resources, or particular parts of the water resources, of a water resource plan area that is either a surface water or groundwater.	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:23	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	Sustainable Yields, Murray–Darling Basin Sustainable Yields	A contemporary water resources assessment based on the latest hydrological and global climate change science. This is a 2022 election commitment.	Definition	Technical	26/11/2023 18:52	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	southern Basin	Write as 'southern Basin' with a lower case 's'. Basin always starts with upper case 'B'.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	30/11/2023 16:50	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SD	Senior Director	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:16	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SQoN	Senate Questions on Notice	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:26	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SARFIIP	South Australian Riverland Floodplain Integrated Infrastructure Program	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:50	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SCB	Southern Connected Basin	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:50	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SCBEWC	Southern Connected Basin Environmental Watering Committee	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:51	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SCC	State constructing committee (Living Murray)	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:51	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

S	SDLAMIC	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism Implementation Committee – No longer in force	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:52 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SEAG	Socio-Economic Advisory Group	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:52 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SEPP	State Environment Protection Policy	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:53 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SHL	Snowy Hydro Limited	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:53 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SITWG	Salt Interception Technical Working Group	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:53 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SMM	Salinity Management Measures	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:54 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SMM	Source Murray Model	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:54 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SPILL	Share Portfolio Information, Innovation and Lessons Learned	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:34 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SPPs	State Priority Projects (a suite of state-led infrastructure projects under SRWUIP – through the MDB IGA)	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:35 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	South Australia Regulators project	South Australia Riverland Floodplain Integrated Infrastructure project	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:16 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SBC	Strengthening Basin Communities Program	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:16 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SARMS	South Australian River Murray Sustainability project	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:17 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	South Australia RRP	South Australia Riverine Recovery project	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:17 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
S	SRWUIP	Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:18 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	Tumut River		Spelling or	MDBA style	17/11/2023 18:34 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z
T	timeframe	Write timeframe as one word, not time frame.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	17/11/2023 18:35 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		When writing am and pm times use a colon between the hours and minutes, and a space before am or pm. No zeros are needed to show the full hour. Use noon, midday or midnight instead of 12 am or 12 pm to make it easier for people to be certain of the time.					
T	time of day	Example Standard opening hours are 8:30 am to 5 pm.	Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	17/11/2023 18:57	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	time, units of time	Spell out in full. Abbreviate only if used in a table, list or chart and can be easily understood. Examples 12 years, 20 days ago, 15 minutes		Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	17/11/2023 19:00	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	tenses	In a proposed document such as a plan or strategy use future tense. Use 'will', rather than 'is' or 'would'. Example 'The proposed strategy will...' 'The plan will specify...'		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:02	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	task force	Write as 'task force' 2 words and lower case unless writing the name of a specific task force.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:03	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	tannins	Spelled tannins, not tanins.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	21/11/2023 13:05	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	total reported recovery volume	The recovery volume is based on scientific method and judgement. It has been determined based on an analysis of historical data, environmental science, and social and economic analysis, as well as the modelling of different future scenarios.	MDBA website	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:21	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	transparency	The MDBA proposes to conduct the Basin Plan Review transparently, meaning that it will be open and clear as much as possible, including engaging with a range of stakeholders and publishing information about the methods and data that have been used for analysis, policy proposals and decisions. It was a 2022 election commitment to restore transparency, integrity and confidence in water markets and water management.		Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:21	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

T	take	<p>The Water Act 2007 (Cth) s1.07 defines ‘forms of take’ as any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. take from a watercourse b. take from a regulated river c. take by floodplain harvesting d. take by runoff dams e. net take by commercial plantations f. take from groundwater g. take under basic rights. <p>Water taken under the forms above may be for consumptive or environmental purposes.</p> <p>Planned environmental water is not a form of take defined in s1.07 of the Water Act.</p> <p>See related terms 'permitted take', 'planned environmental water'.</p>	Water management	Technical;#The Water Act	24/11/2023 19:21 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	temperature	<p>When writing a temperature, for example 24 degrees Celsius or 98 degrees Fahrenheit:</p> <p>Use the degrees symbolNo space between the digits and the degrees symbolNo space between the degrees symbol and C or FC or F is upper case</p> <p>Examples</p> <p>24°C 98°F</p> <p>Create the degrees symbol by holding down the Alt key and typing 0 1 7 6 on the numeric keyboard (with Num Lock turned on).</p>	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	27/08/2024 17:33 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	TOR	terms of reference	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:17 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	TERN	Terrestrial Ecosystems Research Networks	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:56 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	TLM	The Living Murray	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:57 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	TSs	Tools and systems	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:57 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
T	TWGSM	Technical working group salinity modelling	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:57 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

T	Tassie Tranche II or III	Tasmania Irrigation Tranche II and III (feasibility study)	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:18	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
U	Upper Darling (Baaka) River	Upper Darling (Baaka) River is written with the First Nations name in brackets, and not in italics. Write with	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	17/11/2023 18:19	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
U	Upper Murray River	Write with upper case 'U'.	Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	17/11/2023 18:20	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
		Write numerals, not words, for units of measure. Leave a single space between the numerals and unit symbol. Use a hard space to keep digits and units of measurement together, and not breaking across lines. Create a hard space in Word by holding down the control+shift+space keys together. Use the International System of Units symbols, including: m for metrescm for centimetresmm for millimetreskm for kilometreskm/h for kilometres per hourkg for kilogramsW for wattsdB for decibels Examples 215 km65 cm60 dB80 km/hrepeat units within ranges: 300 GL to 450 GL (not 300–450 GL)					
U	units of measurement		Australian Government Style Manual	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	17/11/2023 18:27	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
U	unregulated streams	Streams that are not controlled or regulated by releases from major storages.	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:20	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
U	unregulated flows	Unregulated flows are flows that cannot be stored.	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:21	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z
U	Urban Water and Desal	National Urban Water and Desalination Plan	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:19	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	voicemail	For consistency in MDBA written materials use voicemail one word, not voice mail.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	16/11/2023 16:15	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	valley-by-valley report cards	'valley-by-valley' is written with hyphens.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	16/11/2023 16:21	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	value for money	Set out in Division 1, Clause 4 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules - 13 June 2023.	Commonwealth Procurement Rules	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:20	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	VEWH	Victorian Environmental Water Holder	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:58	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	Victorian Water Act	Water Act 1989 (VIC)	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:58	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	VMFRP	Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration Project	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:59	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

V	VWR	Victorian Water Register		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 15:59	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	Victorian Murray (surface water) WRP area	The geographical area defined by the Basin Plan		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:00	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	Victorian Murray WRP	All submitted documents of the WRP Package that constitute the WRP for the Victorian Murray (Surface water)		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:00	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	Victoria's North and Murray WRP	All submitted documents of the WRP package that constitute the combined WRP for the Northern Victoria, Victorian Murray and Goulburn-Murray WRP areas		Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:01	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	VFM	Victorian Farm Modernisation project		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:19	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
V	VMFRP	Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration projects		Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:19	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Wimmera–Mallee Pipeline Project	Write Wimmera–Mallee with en dash , not hyphen.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	10/11/2023 22:04	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Wimmera Irrigation District	Write as title case, each word in the name starts with an upper case letter.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	Whole of Government	10/11/2023 22:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	water resource plans	<p>Water resource plans (WRP) are a key tool for implementing the Basin Plan. They outline how each region aims to achieve community, environmental, economic and Cultural outcomes and ensure state water management rules meet the Basin Plan objectives. They set rules on how much water can be taken from the system, ensuring the sustainable diversion limit is not exceeded over time. Basin state governments develop water resource plans.</p> <p>Lower case when writing about water resource plans generally. In the title of a water resource plan, upper case letters for the place name but lower case for 'water resource plan'. WRP names are written exactly as provided in the Basin Plan.</p>	Water resource plans, MDBA website	Water management 101;#Spelling or punctuation;#Acronym	MDBA style;#Technical	10/11/2023 23:13	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WaterNSW	One word, no spaces. WaterNSW is a state-owned corporation established under the <i>Water NSW Act 2014</i> . They supply two-thirds of the water used in New South Wales.	WaterNSW website	Spelling or punctuation;#Definition	Whole of Government	10/11/2023 23:22	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		Use instead of 'environmental water'.					
W	water for the environment	This terminology decision was an outcome of the Victorian Environmental Water Holder in-depth communications research conducted by Orima Research, 2017, p16 'Terminology'. It was found the term 'environmental water' was unclear for members of the community.		Preferred term	MDBA style	14/11/2023 17:44	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	waterhole	waterhole is one word, not water hole.		Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	14/11/2023 17:46	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Water Act 2007 (Cth)	<i>Water Act 2007</i> (Cth): use the full citation the first time it's written in each chapter of a document, include the year and write in italics. The jurisdiction of the Act is not italicised. When referring to the Act after the full title has been used, shorten to 'the Water Act'. Don't italicise the name of the Act unless using the full citation with the year and jurisdiction. Be sure to differentiate between this Act and the Victorian legislation of the same name when both appear in the	Water Act 2007 (Cth)	Water management 101	Technical;#The Water Act	16/11/2023 16:12	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Wagga Wagga	not Wagga.		Spelling or punctuation;#Places	MDBA style	16/11/2023 16:14	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Water NSW Act 2014 (NSW)	The water legislation for New South Wales is the <i>Water NSW Act 2014</i> (NSW).	Water NSW Act 2014	Water management 101	Whole of Government	16/11/2023 16:17	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Water management 101	Communications materials developed for internal use within the MDBA. Explainer information and videos. Some 101 information is available on the MDBA'S external website www.mdba.gov.au but refer to the Billabong link in the reference column.	Water management 101 page on Billabong	Water management 101	MDBA style	20/11/2023 15:37	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Water Act 2000 (Qld)	The <i>Water Act 2000</i> (Qld) provides a framework for the sustainable management of Queensland's water	Water Act 2000 (Qld)	Water management 101	Whole of Government	20/11/2023 15:40	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Water Act 1989 (Vic)	The <i>Water Act 1989</i> (Vic) provides the law relating to water in Victoria.	Water Act 1989 (Vic)	Water management 101	Whole of Government	20/11/2023 15:43	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Water Industry Act 2012 (SA)	The <i>Water Industry Act 2012</i> (SA) regulates the water and sewerage industry in South Australia, and governs all water industry entities that provide retail services to South Australian customers.	Water Industry Act 2012 (SA)	Water management 101	Whole of Government	20/11/2023 15:49	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

W	Water Resources Act 2007 (ACT)	The <i>Water Resources Act 2007</i> (ACT) provides for the sustainable management of water resources in the Australian Capital Territory.	Water Resources Act 2007 (ACT)	Water management 101	Whole of Government	20/11/2023 15:52 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	water access entitlement	A perpetual or ongoing entitlement, by or under a law of a state, to exclusive access to a share of the water resources of a water resource plan area.		Definition;#Water management 101	Technical;#The Water Act	21/11/2023 19:10 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	water quality	Water quality refers to the suitability of water for different uses or purposes according to its physical, chemical, biological, aesthetic and taste-related properties. Write 'water quality' as lower case, unless at the start of a	MDBA website	Water management 101;#Spelling or punctuation;#Definition	Technical;#MDBA style	24/11/2023 18:46 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	water-dependent ecosystem	and its natural components and processes, that depends on periodic or sustained inundation, waterlogging or significant inputs of water for its ecological integrity and includes an ecosystem associated with: (a) a wetland, or (b) a stream and its floodplain, or (c) a lake or a body of water (whether fresh or saline), or (d) a salt marsh, or (e) an estuary, or (f) a karst system*, or (g) a groundwater system and a reference to a water dependent ecosystem includes a reference to the biodiversity of the ecosystem. *Karst is a type of landscape where the dissolving of the bedrock has created sinkholes, sinking streams, caves, springs, and other characteristic features. Karst is associated with soluble rock types such as limestone, marble, and gypsum. (Further reading:Geoscience Australia).		Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	24/11/2023 18:46 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	water recovery	The Authority may prepare, and publish on its website, recommendations about where in the Murray–Darling Basin additional environmental water should be recovered (environmental water recovery recommendations). (2) without limiting subsection (1), environmental water recovery recommendations may include the following:(a) Priority areas for the recovery of environmental water. Note: See section 1.07 for the meaning of recovery of environmental water. (b) Priorities for the recovery of certain types of water access rights. (c) The reasoning on which those priorities are based. Note: The reasoning may include models used by the Authority to identify priorities for the recovery of		Water management 101;#Definition	Technical;#The Basin Plan	24/11/2023 18:46 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide

		<p>(a) means any right conferred by or under a law of a State to do either or both of the following:</p> <p>(i) to hold water from a water resource</p> <p>(ii) to take water from a water resource, and</p> <p>(b) without limiting paragraph (a), includes the following rights of the kind referred to in that paragraph:</p> <p>(i) stock and domestic rights</p> <p>(ii) riparian rights</p> <p>(iii) a water access entitlement</p> <p>(iv) a water allocation, and</p> <p>(c) includes any other right in relation to the taking or use of water that is prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this paragraph.</p>	Definition	Technical;#The Water Act	24/11/2023 18:56 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	water access right	<p>The granting of permission, either annually or on a long-term basis, to take water from a water source under a form of take in a Basin state in accordance with that state's legal frameworks for take.</p> <p>Write in full, and avoid using the acronym unless the term is used multiple times within a document.</p>	Definition;#Acronym	Technical	24/11/2023 19:06 Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
	water lawfully accessible for take (WLAT)	See related term 'take'.				

		Write as one word 'watercourse' not 'water course'.				
		The term watercourse: (a) means a river, creek or other natural watercourse (whether modified or not) in which water is contained or flows (whether permanently or from time to time), and (b) includes: (i) a dam or reservoir that collects water flowing in a watercourse, and (ii) a lake or wetland through which water flows, and (iii) a channel into which the water of a watercourse has been diverted, and (iv) part of a watercourse, and (v) an estuary through which water flows.	Definition; #Spelling or punctuation; #Water management 101	Technical; #The Water Act	24/11/2023 19:17	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	watercourse					
		A systematic process of identifying, recognising, quantifying, reporting, and assuring information about water, the rights or other claims to water, and the	Definition	Technical	24/11/2023 19:20	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	water accounting					
		Use en dash between Warrego and Darling not hyphen.	Spelling or punctuation	MDBA style	30/11/2023 11:34	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	Warrego–Darling (Baaka)					
		Whole of Government	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:18	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WoG					
		Whole of Portfolio Questions on Notice	Acronym	Whole of Government	20/09/2024 10:27	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WoP QoN					
		Water Liaison Working Group	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:01	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WLWG					
		Water Division (sits within DCCEEW)	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:01	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WD/Water Div					
		Water for the Environment Special Account	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:02	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WESA					
		Water quality advisory panel	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:02	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WQAP					
		Water Quality Management	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:03	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WQM					
		Water Quality Management Plan	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:03	Item sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WQMP					

W	WRP	See water resource plan	Acronym	The Basin Plan	20/09/2024 16:03	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WSP	Water Sharing Plan	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:04	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WUE	Water Use Efficiency	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:04	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WIB	Water Implementation Board	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:35	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WIBS	Water Initiative Business System	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:36	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WEPS	Water Entitlements Purchasing System	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 9:36	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
W	WMPA	Water Management Partnership Agreements with the Basin States under the MDB IGA (sometimes referred to as 'bilaterals') – SRWUIP infrastructure projects led by Basin jurisdictions.	Acronym	DCCEEW	23/09/2024 10:03	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
Y	year	<p>Data in tables, graphs and diagrams should be for financial years (unless otherwise required for reporting or legal reasons). If any data is available only by calendar year, this should be made clear.</p> <p>When writing a span of years don't use dashes, use from and to: from 2015 to 2023. Financial years are an exception. Write financial years as 2023–24, not 2023–2024. However where financial years cross centuries write each year in full 'The 1999–2000 budget'. Use an en-dash not a hyphen between years.</p> <p>Do not use an apostrophe when writing decades numerically. Write decades as the 60s or the 1930s not the 60's or the 1930's.</p> <p>Australian Government Style Manual</p>	Spelling or punctuation	Whole of Government	3/11/2023 19:02	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide
Y	Y-WJ	Yarrawonga to Wakool Junction	Acronym	MDBA style	20/09/2024 16:05	Item	sites/52b163be9/Lists/A to Z acronyms and style guide