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Abbreviations

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

BBN Bayesian belief network
BRS Bureau of Rural Sciences

CCMA Corangamite Catchment Management Authority

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DEM Digital elevation model

DPI Department of Primary Industries (Victorian)

DSE Department of Sustainability and Environment

Geospatial Information System

ESAI Ecologically Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (of NRE)
GBCMA Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority

LMLF Lower Murray Landscape Futures (project of the Land Technologies Alliance)

LUIM The Land Use Impact Model

MCMA Mallee Catchment Management Authority

MU Mapping Units

GIS

NRE Department of Natural Resources and Environment (now DPI and DSE)

ORL Our Rural Landscape (project within DPI)

RHS River Health Strategy

SARDI South Australia Research and Development Institute

SLA Statistical Local Area SoE State of Environment

VCMC Victorian Catchment Management Council

WGCMA West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority