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Abbreviations... and Initialisms

@	At	AP	Appendix
<	Less Than	APC	Acoustic plaster ceiling
>	Larger Than (greater than)	APD	Agricultural Pipe Drain
≈	Approximately equal to	Approx.	Approximate
≠	Not equal to	AS	Australian Standard
≤	less than or equal to	ASB	Asbestos
≥	larger than or equal to	ASMM	Australian Standard Method of Measurement
A	Area	ASPH	Asphalt
AAIQS	Associate (Member) of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors	ATC	Acoustic tile ceiling
ABBR	Abbreviation	AUS	Australia
ABS	Absolute	AUTO	Automatic
AC	Asbestos Cement	AUX	Auxiliary
ACRY	Acrylic	AV	Average
ACST	Acoustic	AVG	Average
ADD	Addendum	B	Basin
AFFL	Above finished floor level	B	Bathwaste
AG	Agricultural Drainage line	B	Beam
AGG	Aggregate	b	Breadth
AGGR	Aggregate	b/f	brought forward
AHD	Australian Height Datum	B/I	Built In
AHU	Air handling unit	BA	Building Area
AI	Architect's Instruction	BC	Bookcase
AIQS	Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors	BCWU	Boiling & Chilled Water Unit
AKA	Also known as	BD	Board
AL	Aluminium	BFP	Back Flow Protection
AMDT	Amendment	BHD	Bulkhead
AMG	Australian map grid	BID	Bidet
AP	Access Panel	BIT	Bitumen
		BK	Brick

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BLDG	Building	CD	Clothes dryer
Bldr	Builder	CEM	Cement
BLK	Block	CFC	Compressed Fibre Cement
BLKT	Blanket	CG	Clear glass
BM	Bench mark	CH	Chute
BOOT	Build Own Operate Transfer	Ch DW	Chilled Drinking Water
BoQ	Bills of Quantities (or Bill of Quantities)	CHS	Circular hollow section
BOT	Bottom	ChW	Chilled Water
BP	Baseplate	CI	Cast Iron
BPI	Building Price Index	CIP	Cast Iron Pipe
BQ	Bills of Quantities (or Bill of Quantities)	circ.	Circa (on or about...date)
BRR	Bearer	CIRC	Circle
BRS	Brass	CIRC	Circumference
BRZ	Bronze	CJ	Ceiling Joist
BS	British Standard	CJ	Construction Joint
BSI	British Standard Institute	CK	Clock
BT	Boundary Trap	CL	Ceiling Level
BV	Brick Veneer	CL	Centre Line
BWIC	Builder's work in connection	CLG	Ceiling
BWK	Brickwork	cm	Centimetre
BWU	Boiling Water Unit	CNR	Corner
c/f	carried forward	CONC	Concrete
C/W	Complete With	CORR	Corrugated
CAB	Cabinet	COV	Cut Off Valve
CAP	Capacity	CP	Chrome Plated
CAR	Carpet	CP	Copper Pipe
CAV	Cavity	CPA	Cost Plan A
CB	Circuit Breaker	CPB	Cost Plan B
CB	Concrete block	CPC	Cost Plan C
CBA	Cost Benefit Analysis	CPD	Cost Plan D
CCT	Circuit	CPD	Cupboard
CCTV	Closed circuit television	CPBD	Cupboard
CCW	Condenser cooling water	CPI	Consumer Price Index
		CR	Cement Render
		Cr	Chromium

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Cr	Credit	DU	Disposal Unit
CRS	Cold rolled steel	DW	Cold rolled ribbed wire
CS	Cleaners sink	DW	Dishwasher
CS	Compressive strength	DWG	Drawing
CSA	Contract Sum Adjustment	DWG	Dwelling
CSK	Countersink	DWM	Dish Washing Machine
CTG	Coating	E	East
Cu	Copper	E & OE	Errors and Omissions excepted
CU	Cubic	EA	Each
CW	Cavity Wall	EDPM	Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer
CW	Clothes Washer	EF	Each face
CW	Cold Water	e.g.	For Example, example
CWT	Cold water tank	EJ	Expansion joint
CWU	Chilled Water Unit	ELEC	Electric
CYL	Cylinder	ELEV	Elevation
d	Day	ENE	East North East
d	Depth	EOI	Expression of Interest
D&C	Design-and-Construct	EQUIV	Equivalent
DAR	Dressed all round	ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development
DF	Drinking Fountain	ESE	East South East
DG	Disconnecter Gully	EST	Estimate
DG	Double Glazing	etc.	Et Cetera (and so on, forth)
DH	Double Hung	EW	Each Way
DIA	Diameter	Ex	Existing
DIAG	Diagonal	EXL	Existing Level
DIAM	Diameter	EXP	Expansion
DIM	Dimension	EXST	existing
DL	Dead Load	EXTG	Existing
do.	Ditto	F	Flight (stairs)
DP	Down Pipe	FA	Fire Alarm
DPC	Damp Proof Course	FAIQS	Fellow (Member) of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors
DR	Drain		
DRG	Drawing		
DSB	Distribution Switchboard		
DT	Disconnecter Trap		

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F _c	Compressive stress	gm	Gram
FE	Fire Extinguisher	GRANO	Granolithic
Fe	Iron	GRC	Glass Reinforced Concrete
FECA	Fully Enclosed Covered Area	GST	Goods and Services Tax
FF & E	Furniture Fittings and Equipment	GV	Greasy Vent
FFL	Finished Floor Level	GVC	Glazed Vitrified clay
FG	Fixed glazing	GW	Glass Washer
FH	Fire Hydrant	GW	Greasy Waste
FHR	Fire Hose Reel, Fire Hose Reel	H	Hand basin
FL	Flat	h	Hour
FL	Floor Level	H/L	High Level
FLR	Floor	HBD	Hard Board
FP	Fire Plug	HD	Heavy Duty
FPBD	Fibrous Plasterboard	HD	Holding Down
FR	Fire Resistant	HDPE	High-density polyethylene
FRP	Fibre Reinforced Plastic(s)	HGT	Height
FRR	Fire Resistance rating	HP	High Pressure
FS	Fire Sprinkler	HS	Hollow section
FT or ft	Foot	HT	Hose tap
FW	Floor Waste	HT	Height
FWS	Fire Water Service	HTHW	High Temperature Hot Water
G	Ground Floor	HTR	Heater
GAL	Gallon	HV	Header Vent
GALV	Galvanize	HV	High Voltage
GALV MS	Galvanized mild steel	HW	Hot Water
GBA	Gross Building Area	HW	Hot Water unit
GD	Grid	HWD	Hardwood
GEW	Glazed Earthenware	HWS	Hot Water Supply (Pipelines)
GFA	Gross Floor Area	HWU	Hot Water Unit
GFL	Ground Floor Level	HYD	Hydraulic
GIT	Grease Interceptor Trap	Hz	Hertz
GL	Ground Level	IC	Inspection Chamber
GM	Gas meter	IF	Internal Face

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IG	Inlet Gully	LNDRY	Laundry
IL	Invert Level	LONG	Longitudinal
IND	Indicator	LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
INSUL	Insulated, insulation	LS	Laboratory Sink
INV	Invert	LV	Low Voltage
IP	Inspection pit	LVR	Louvre
IP	Intersection Point	lx	Lux
IS	Inlet Sump	M	Bending Moment
ISOL	Isolator	M	Mezzanine Floor
IT	Interceptor trap	m or M	Metre or Metres
JN	Junction (for future use)	m/s	Metre Per Second
K	Kilo	m ² or m ²	metres squared, or square metres
K	Kitchen Sink	m ³ or m ³	metres cubed, or cubic metres
KD	Kiln Dried	MATV	Master Antenna Television system
KDHW	Kiln dried hardwood	MAX	Maximum
KDRC	Kiln Dried and reconditioned (timber)	MB	Meter Board
Kg	Kilogram	MDF	Main Distribution Frame
kL	Kilolitre	MDF	Medium density fibreboard
KM or km	Kilometre	MECH	Mechanical
km/d	Kilometre(s) per day	MG EXTG	Make good existing
km/h	Kilometres(s) per hour	MH	Manhole
kPa	Kilopascal	MIN	Minimum
KS	Kitchen Sink	MISC	Miscellaneous
kW	Kilowatt	mL	Millilitre
L	Litre	ML	Megalitre
L	Laundry	ML/d	Megalitre per day
L/L	Low Level	mm or MM	Millimetre or Millimetres
LCC	Life Cycle Costing	MPa	Megapascal
LDG	Landing	MS	Mild Steel
LEV	Level	MSB	Main Switchboard
LH	Left Hand	MSRY	Masonry
LINO	Linoleum	MTHW	Medium Temperature Hot Water
LL	Live Load		
LND	Laundry		

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MW	Megawatt	PERT	Program Evaluation Review Technique
N	Hot rolled ribbed bars	PF	Portal Frame
N	Newton	PF	Parallel Flange Channel
N/A	Not applicable	PG	Plate Glass
NE	North East	PH	Phrase
Ne or NE	Not exceeding	PL	Plate
NG	Natural Gas	PLB	Plasterboard
NGL	Natural Ground Level	PLY	Plywood
NNE	North North East	PM	Permanent Mark
NNW	North North West	PM	Project Manager
NOM	Nominal	PTE	Pre-Tender Estimate
NPC	Nett Project Cost	QCSA	Quotation for Contract Sum Adjustment
NPV	Nett Present Value	QS	Quantity Surveyor
NRA	Nett Rentable Area	QTY	Quantity
NS	Natural Surface	®	Registered Trademark
NS	Nominal Size	R	Structural plain round bar
NTH	North	RAD	Radius
NTS	Not to Scale	RAIA	Royal Australian Institute of Architects
NW	North West	RC	Reinforced Concrete or Concrete, reinforced
O	Oven	RCP	Reinforced Concrete Pipe
OG	Obscure glass	RD	Round
OPP	Opposite	REINF	Reinforcement
P & R	Post & Rail	RFI	Request for Information
P & W	Post & Wire	RFQ	Request for Quotation
Pa	Per annum	RFT	Request for Tender
PA	Public Address (system)	RH	Right Hand
PABX	Automatic telephone exchange	RHS	Rectangular Hollow Section
PB	Push Button	RL	Rectangular mesh
PBD	Plasterboard	RL	Reduced Level
PC	Prime Cost	RM	Reference Mark
PC	Precast	ROI	Registration of Interest
PC Sum	Prime Cost Sum	RS	Roller Shutter
PCBs	Polychlorinated Biphenyls		
PCG	Project Control Group		

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RV	Relief Vent	SPEC	Specification
RW	Retaining Wall	SQ	Square
RWH	Rainwater Head	SRV	Slip resistant vinyl
RWO	Rain Water Outlet	SS	Slop Sink or Slop Hopper
RWP	Rainwater pipe	SSE	South South East
RWT	Rainwater Tank	SSW	South South West
S	Structural grade deformed bar	ST	Septic Tank
S	South	ST	Stop tap
S/S	Stainless Steel	STD	Standard
SAA	Standards Association of Australia	Sth	South
SBD	Strawboard	STL	Steel
SC	Stopcock	SV	Safety Value
SCHED	Schedule	SV	Stop Value
SCP	Satin Chrome Plated	SVP	Sewer Vent Pipe
SD	Sewer Drain	SW	South West
SD	Sliding door	SW	Stormwater
SDSB	Sub-Distribution Board	SW	Switch
SE	South East	SW BD	Switchboard
SECT	Section	SWD	Softwood
SEW	Sewer	SWD	Stormwater Drain
SF	Stair (flight)	SWL	Safe Working Load
SF	Strip Footing	T, t	Tonne
SFL	Structural Floor Level	T & G or t&g	Tongue and groove
SHR or Shr	Shower	TBM	Temporary Bench mark
SHS	Square hollow section	TC	Terra Cotta
SIB	Sub-Fire Indicator Board	TCC	Total Construction Cost
Sk	Sink	TEC	Total End Cost
Sk(Db)	Double Bowl Sink	TEL	Telephone
SL	Square mesh	TEMP	Temperature
SL	Stair (landing)	TG	Town Gas
SL	Surface Level	THD	Thread
SMF	Synthetic Mineral Fibre		Thick
SP	Standpipe	TIM	Timber
		TOL	Tolerance

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TPC	Total Project Cost	VT	Vinyl Tiles
Tr	Trough	W	Cold drawn round wire
TRZO	Terrazzo	W	Wall
TS	Tensile Strength	W	Waste
TS	Time Switch	W	Waste Water Pipeline
TV	Television	W	West
TW	Trade Waste	W	Wide
TWV	Tradewaste Vent	W	Window (nominated number)
Typ	Typical	W MR	Water Metre
U/G	Underground	W/...	With (combination form)
U/S	Underside	W/O	Without
UB	Universal Beam	WB	Weatherboard
UBP	Universal Bearing pile	WBD	Wall Board
UC	Universal Column	WC	Water Closet
UCA	Unenclosed Covered Area	WG	Water Gauge
UCUT	Undercut	WI	Wrought Iron
UFA	Usable floor area	WIE	Work in existing
UG	Underground	WIP	Wrought Iron Pipe
UNO	Unless Noted Otherwise	WL	Water level, Water line
UPVC	Unplasticized Polyvinyl Chloride	WL	Wind Load
UR or Ur	Urinal	WM	Washing Machine
UTIL	Utility	WNW	West North West
V	Vent	WP	Waste Pipe
V	Volt	WPM	Water-proof membrane
VB	Vapour Barrier	WR	Wardrobe
VC	Vitrified Clay	WS	Waste Stack
VCP	Vitrified (sometimes vitreous) clay pipe	WSW	West South West
VENT	Ventilator	WT	Wash Trough
VERT	Vertical	Yd	Yard
VHF	Very High Frequency	YP	Yield Point
VOL	Volume	Zn	Zinc
VP	Vent Pipe		

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