

Appendix B: Abbreviations, acronyms and glossary

Abbreviations We use the following abbreviations in this report:

Abbreviation

the Guideline	<i>Data Quality Guideline Information Management Framework</i>
the Inquiry	<i>Independent Inquiry into the Environment Protection Authority</i>
the Standard	<i>Data Quality Information Management Framework Standard</i>

Acronyms We use the following acronyms in this report:

Acronym

DEECA	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
EPA	Environment Protection Authority Victoria
VAGO	Victorian Auditor-General's Office
VU	Victoria Unearthed

Glossary

This glossary includes an explanation of the types of engagements we perform:

Term

Reasonable assurance	<p>We achieve reasonable assurance by obtaining and verifying direct evidence from a variety of internal and external sources about an agency's performance. This enables us to express an opinion or draw a conclusion against an audit objective with a high level of assurance. We call these audit engagements.</p> <p>See our assurance services fact sheet for more information.</p>
Limited assurance	<p>We obtain less assurance when we rely primarily on an agency's representations and other evidence generated by that agency. However, we aim to have enough confidence in our conclusion for it to be meaningful. We call these types of engagements assurance reviews and typically express our opinions in negative terms. For example, that nothing has come to our attention to indicate there is a problem.</p> <p>See our assurance services fact sheet for more information.</p>
