

Glossary and acronyms



Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
aquatic ecosystems	Any watery environment, from small to large and temporary to permanent, including surface and groundwater, in which plants and animals interact with the chemical and physical features of the environment.
biosequestration	The removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by plants and its storage in vegetation and soils.
carbon footprint	A measure of the amount of carbon dioxide produced by a person, organisation or location at a given time.
carbon offsets	A financial instrument aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Carbon offsets are measured in metric tons of carbon dioxide-equivalent (CO ₂ -e) and may represent six primary categories of greenhouse gases. One carbon offset represents the reduction of one metric ton of carbon dioxide or its equivalent in other greenhouse gases.
Caring for our Country	A program that delivers the Australian Government's previous natural resource management programs (including the Natural Heritage Trust, the National Landcare Program, the Environmental Stewardship Program and the Working on Country Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger program) and a range of other natural resource management funding (including Community Coastcare, World Heritage, regional investments and relevant 2007 election commitments).
catchment	An area of land on which runoff from rainfall is collected and transferred to a waterway.
climate change impact statements	A succinct summary of the climate change impacts associated with the relevant project, policy or legislation being considered by Cabinet.
Delbessie Agreement	A partnership (formerly the State Rural Leasehold Land Strategy) between the Queensland Government, AgForce and the Australian Rainforest Conservation Society that came into effect in January 2008. It affects approximately 1800 rural leases—about 86.6 million hectares or half of Queensland. It is a major land management initiative that focuses on achieving best practice management of natural resources on these leases, through sustainable and profitable primary enterprises.
digital cadastral database	A database managed by the department which contains a graphical representation of the land parcel boundaries and natural features forming the cadastral boundaries of all Queensland properties.
Dreaming Track	(Australian Aboriginal mythology) A path across the land (or, sometimes the sky) marking the route followed by an Aboriginal ancestor made during the Dreaming which is often recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance and painting.
ecosystems	A community of organisms interacting with one another and their environment.
Fitzroy Basin	Covering more than one-tenth of Queensland's land area and straddling the Tropic of Capricorn, the Fitzroy region is defined by the Fitzroy River Basin, the adjacent costal catchments, the Calliope and Boyne catchments and the Upper Belyando catchment to the west. The region experiences highly variable rainfall, high evaporation rates and prolonged dry periods followed by floods.
Green Building Skills Fund	A fund to boost sustainability expertise within Queensland's building and construction industry. This will be achieved by partnering with peak industry bodies to deliver accredited training courses, with a particular emphasis on training in regional Queensland.
greenhouse gas	A gas that contributes to the warming of the Earth's atmosphere by reflecting radiation from the Earth's surface (e.g. carbon dioxide).
groundwater	Water below the surface found in cracks, voids, pores or other spaces between particles of clay, silt, sand, gravel or rock within the saturated zone of a geological formation.
Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA)	An agreement made with native title parties under the <i>Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993</i> .
machinery-of-government change	An administrative change that affects the overall structure and functions of government agencies.
marine park	An area declared under the <i>Marine Parks Act 2004</i> for conservation of the marine environment.
memorandum of understanding	A non-binding agreement that captures the intent of parties to cooperate regarding the matters outlined in the agreement document.
modelling	Computer modelling programs used by the department to monitor changes in vegetation and land condition and use.
national water initiative	An intergovernmental agreement, signed by the Commonwealth, states and territories in 2004, commits jurisdictions to specific actions to increase the productivity and efficiency of Australia's water use. This will ultimately provide greater certainty to water users, investors and the environment.

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Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence	Provides policy advice, information and science on climate change, climate variability and extreme events and the impact of these on the community, economy and the environment.
Queensland Youth Environment Council	A ministerial advisory council providing policy advice and youth engagement on issues of environmental sustainability.
resource operations plan (ROP)	The implementation plan for the objectives, strategies and outcomes specified in the related water resource plan. The ROP outlines the day-to-day rules and management arrangements for water users and infrastructure operators.
Rural Water Use Efficiency (RWUE)	A government/rural industry partnership which provides services to irrigators to help them improve water use efficiency and adopt sustainable irrigation management practices.
salinity	Salinity is the saltiness of dissolved salt content of a body of water. It is a general term used to describe the levels of different salts such as sodium chloride, magnesium and calcium sulfates, and bicarbonates. Salinity may also refer to the salt content of soil.
spatial information	Information and data that relate to a position or place on Earth.
stakeholders	Individuals, groups or organisations with specific interest in and/or influence on a project.
strategic cropping land	The state's best cropping land suitable for a range of crops in most seasons and which must meet specific soil criteria. It is a finite resource that must be conserved and managed for the longer term.
stock routes	Queensland has a 72 000 kilometre network of stock routes that allow pastoralists to move stock around the state on foot as an alternative to trucking.
tradeable water allocations	An authority to take water as set out in the resource operations plan. Water allocations are separate from land, are registered on the Water Allocations Register and are tradeable. The <i>Water Act 2000</i> details the attributes to be specified on a water allocation.
traditional owners	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a particular connection to land under tradition.
unallocated State land	State land that has not been allocated for a particular use, managed by the department.
water resource plan	A plan for sharing water between human and environmental needs and striking a balance that provides for present demands and future requirements. Water resource plans are a blueprint for future sustainability and are produced in accordance with the <i>Water Act 2000</i> .
waterway	A passage for or body of water, including all perennial and ephemeral streams, rivers and other wetlands, and bays.
wild river rangers	Indigenous natural resource rangers employed through the Wild River Rangers program to protect and promote the values of Queensland's wild rivers.
woody vegetation	There are many definitions of what constitutes a forest or woody vegetation. A common definition used by foresters is 20 per cent crown cover which equates to approximately 12 per cent foliage projective cover.
World Heritage Area	World Heritage areas are examples of the world's most outstanding natural or cultural heritage that it is agreed should be protected for all of humanity. They are identified and listed under an international treaty administered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Acronyms

ACC	Agency Consultative Committee
ALA	<i>Aboriginal Land Act 1991</i>
BOM	Board of Management
BSES	Bureau of Sugar Experiment Stations
BTEX	benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes
CATER	Carbon Accumulation through Ecosystem Recovery project
CATSIA	<i>Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006</i>
CFI	Carbon Farming Initiative
CFL	compact fluorescent light
CFO	Chief Finance Officer
ClimateQ	ClimateQ: toward a greener Queensland
CMC	Crime and Misconduct Commission
COAG	Coalition of Australian Governments
CRC	Commonwealth for Reform Council
CSG	Coal Seam Gas
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
CSS	customer service standards
DEEDI	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
DERM	Department of Environment and Resource Management
DMP	drought management plans
DOGIT	Deed of Grant in Trust
DWQMP	Drinking Water Quality Management Plan
DWSP	Drinking water service providers
EA	Environmental authority
EARL	Electronic Access for Registry Lodgement program
ED	Exclusion Decision
EHMP	Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program
EMG	Executive Management Group
ENSO	El Nino Southern Oscillation
EP	Environmental Protection
ERMP	Environment Risk Management Plans
ESP	Ecosciences Precinct
EVAs	Environmental Value Assessments
EVs	electric vehicles
FBT	Fringe benefits tax
FOGs	Former Origin Greats
FTE	Full time equivalent
GABSI	Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPIs	Good Practice Indicators
GST	Goods and Services Tax
GVG	Green vehicle guide ratings
HHWUE	Healthy HeadWaters Water Use Efficiency Project
HR	Human Resources
ILUA	Indigenous Land Use Agreement
IUCN	International Union of the Conservation of Nature
LED	light-emitting diode
LNG	liquefied natural gas
LTL	Lands Tenure Ledger

MDBA	Murray-Darling Basin Authority
MP	Marine Park
MT	Megatonne
NAIDOC	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee
NC	Nature Conservation
NP	National Park
NRM	natural resource management
NSI	North Stradbroke Island
NTA	<i>Native Title Act 1993</i>
P2R	Paddock to Reef program
PID	Public Interest Disclosure
PPR	Public Place Recycling
PSC	Public Service Commission
PV	Photo voltaic
QAO	Queensland Audit Office
QCA	Queensland Competition Authority
QCCCE	Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence
QGCP0	Queensland Government Chief Procurement Office
QMDC	Queensland Murray-Darling Committee
QPWS	Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
QSEIF	Queensland Sustainable Energy Innovation Fund
QWC	Queensland Water Commission
QWESTNet	Queensland Water and Energy Sustainable Technologies Network
QYEC	Queensland Youth Environment Council
RAP	Rapid Assessment Program
RE	Regional ecosystems
Reef Plan	Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Protection Plan
RFS	Rural Fire Service
ROPs	resource operations plans
RWMP	recycled water management plan
RWUE4	Rural Water Use Efficiency Initiative
SAMP	Strategic Asset Management Plan
SCAMP	Soil Constraints and Management Package
SCL	Strategic Cropping Land
SDS	Service Delivery Statement
SEQ	South East Queensland
SILO	Specialised Information for Land Owners
SLATS	Statewide Landcover and Tree Study
SLMP	System Leakage Management Plan
SOI	Southern Oscillation Index
SPA	Sustainable Planning Act
SRDC	Sugar Research and Development Corporation
SVS	State Valuation Service
TSLA	<i>Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991</i>
USL	Unallocated State Land
WAR	Water Allocations Register
WHA	World Heritage Area
WHS	Workplace Health and Safety
WOLA	Water and Other Legislation Amendment
WRPs	water resource plans
WTMA	Wet Tropics Management Authority

