

Appendix B:

Abbreviations, acronyms and glossary

Abbreviations We use the following abbreviations in this report:

Abbreviation	Full spelling
Circular Economy Act	<i>Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021</i>
circular economy policy	<i>Recycling Victoria: A new economy</i>
circular economy risk plan	<i>Circular Economy Risk, Consequence and Contingency Plan</i>
the department	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
local government survey	Victorian Local Government Annual Survey
recycling industry survey	Victorian Recycling Industry Annual Survey
responsible entity risk plan	Responsible Entity Risk Consequence and Contingency Plan

Acronyms We use the following acronyms in this report:

Acronym	Full spelling
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
EPA	Environment Protection Authority Victoria
VAGO	Victorian Auditor-General's Office

Glossary The following terms are included in or relevant to this report

Term	Explanation
Level of assurance	<p>This is a measure of the confidence we have in our conclusions. The quality and quantity of evidence we obtain affects our level of assurance.</p> <p>We design our work programs with the information needs of our report users in mind. We consider if we need to provide them with reasonable assurance or if a lower level of assurance may be appropriate.</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, 'nothing has come to our attention to indicate there is a problem.'</p> <p>See our assurance services fact sheet for more information.</p>
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 draw a conclusion against an objective with a high level of assurance. We call these performance audits.</p> <p>See our assurance services fact sheet for more information.</p>