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| ASEAN | Association of South-East Asian Nations |
| ACF | Australian Conservation Foundation |
| AES | Australian Election Survey |
| ALP | Australian Labor Party |
| CFCs | chlorofluorocarbons |
| CSIRO | Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation |
| ESD | ecologically sustainable development |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Study |
| IAEA | International Atomic Energy Agency |
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