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Proposed redistribution of the Australian Capital Territory into electoral divisions

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The Redistribution Committee for the Australian Capital Territory has undertaken a proposed redistribution of the Australian Capital Territory. In developing and considering the impacts of the redistribution proposal, the Committee has satisfied itself that the proposed boundaries meet the requirements of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act). The Committee unanimously agreed on the boundaries and names of proposed electoral divisions, and commends its redistribution proposal for the Australian Capital Territory.

This report is prepared to fulfil the requirements of sections 66 and 67 of the Electoral Act.

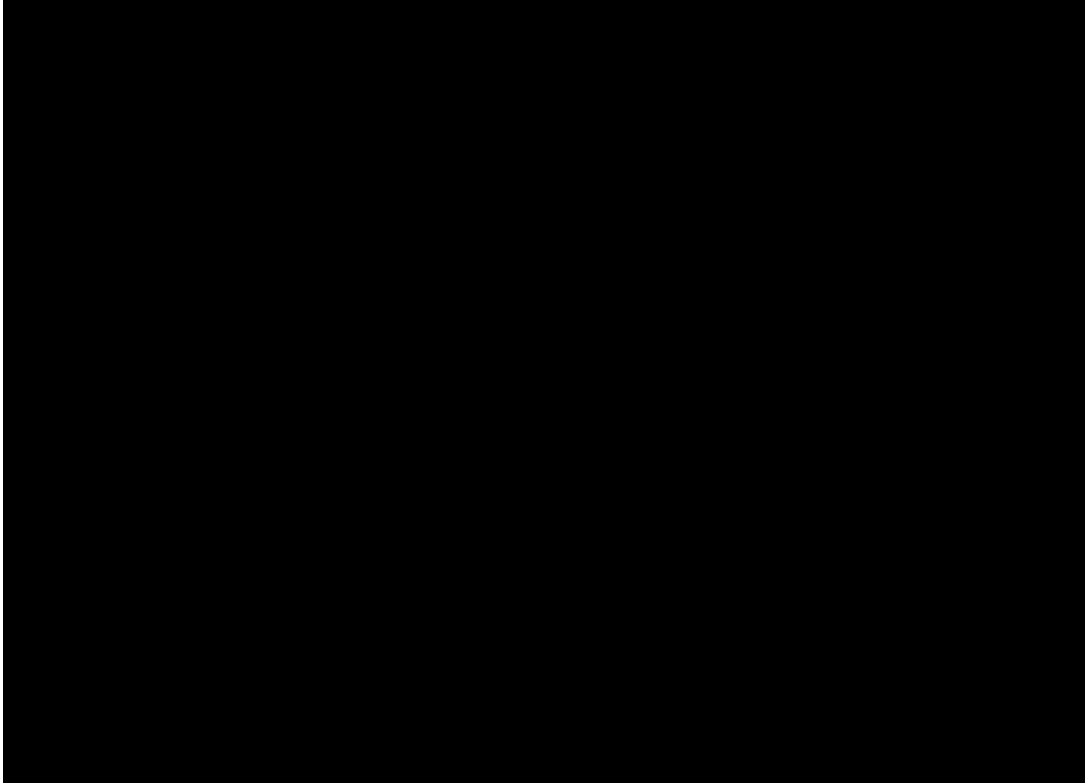
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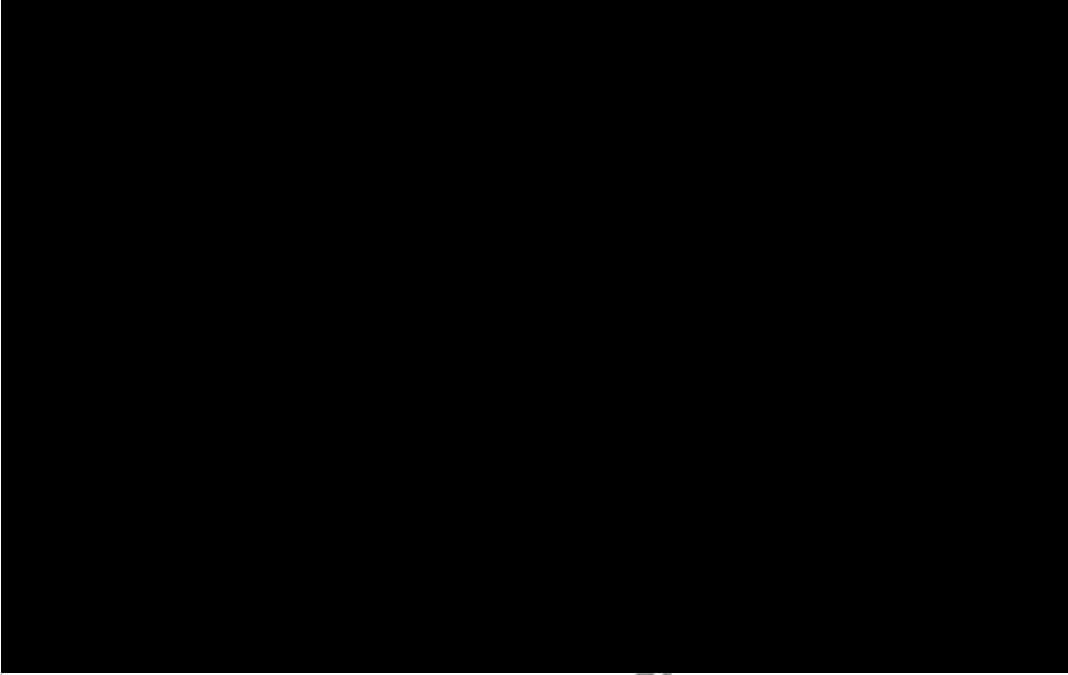


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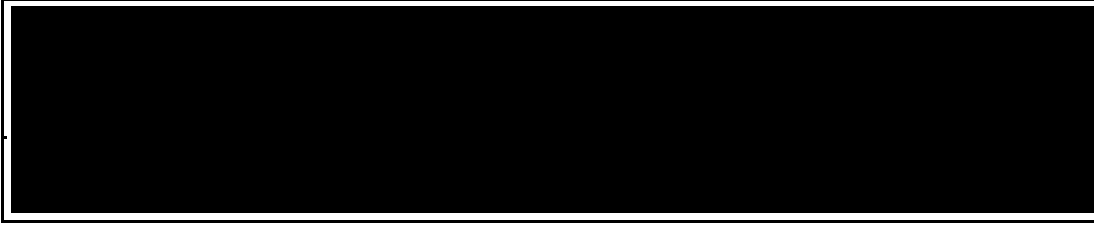
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Word or acronym	Meaning
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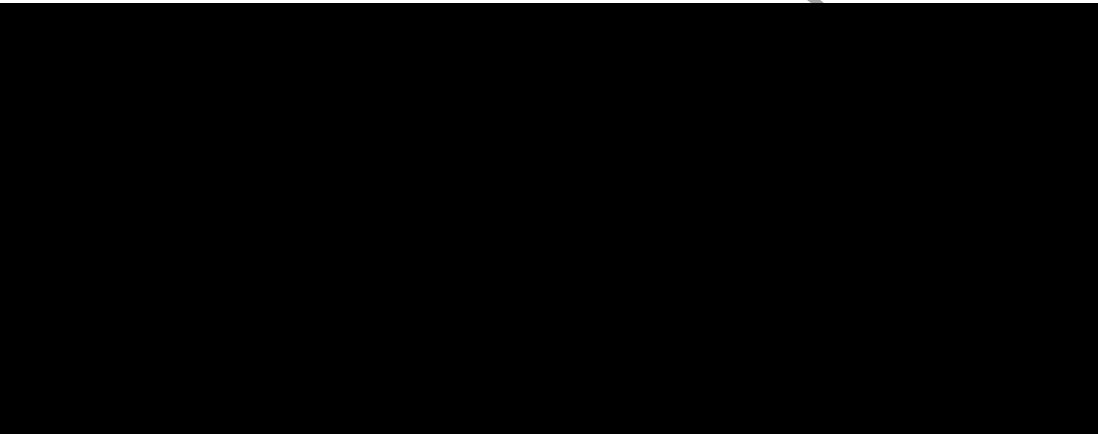
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1. Background and context



Compliance with legislative requirements



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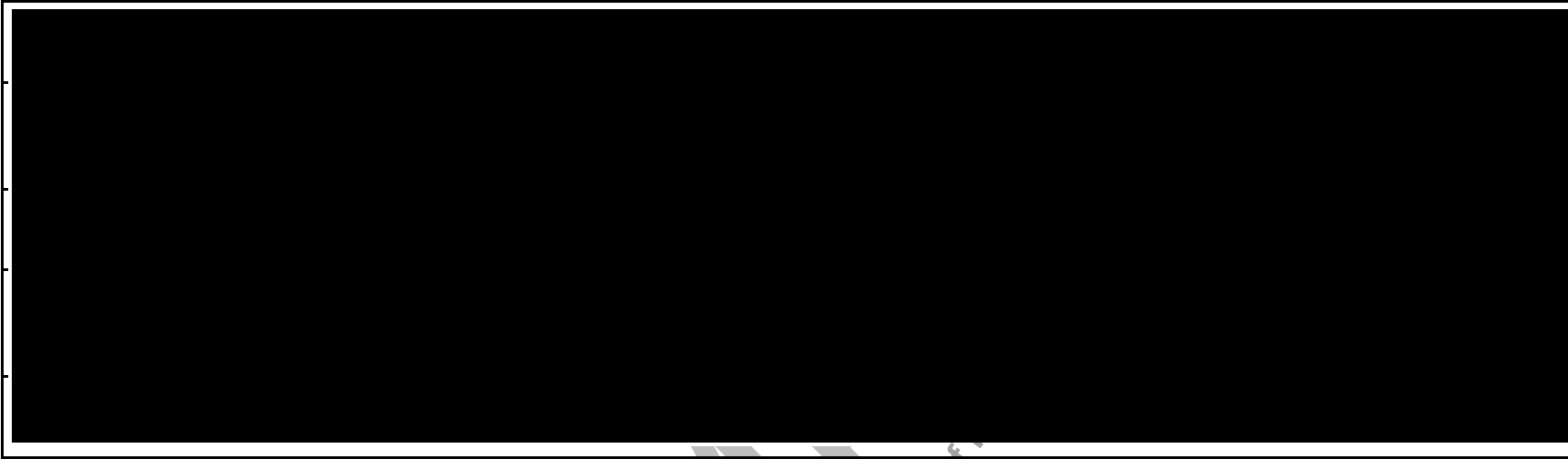
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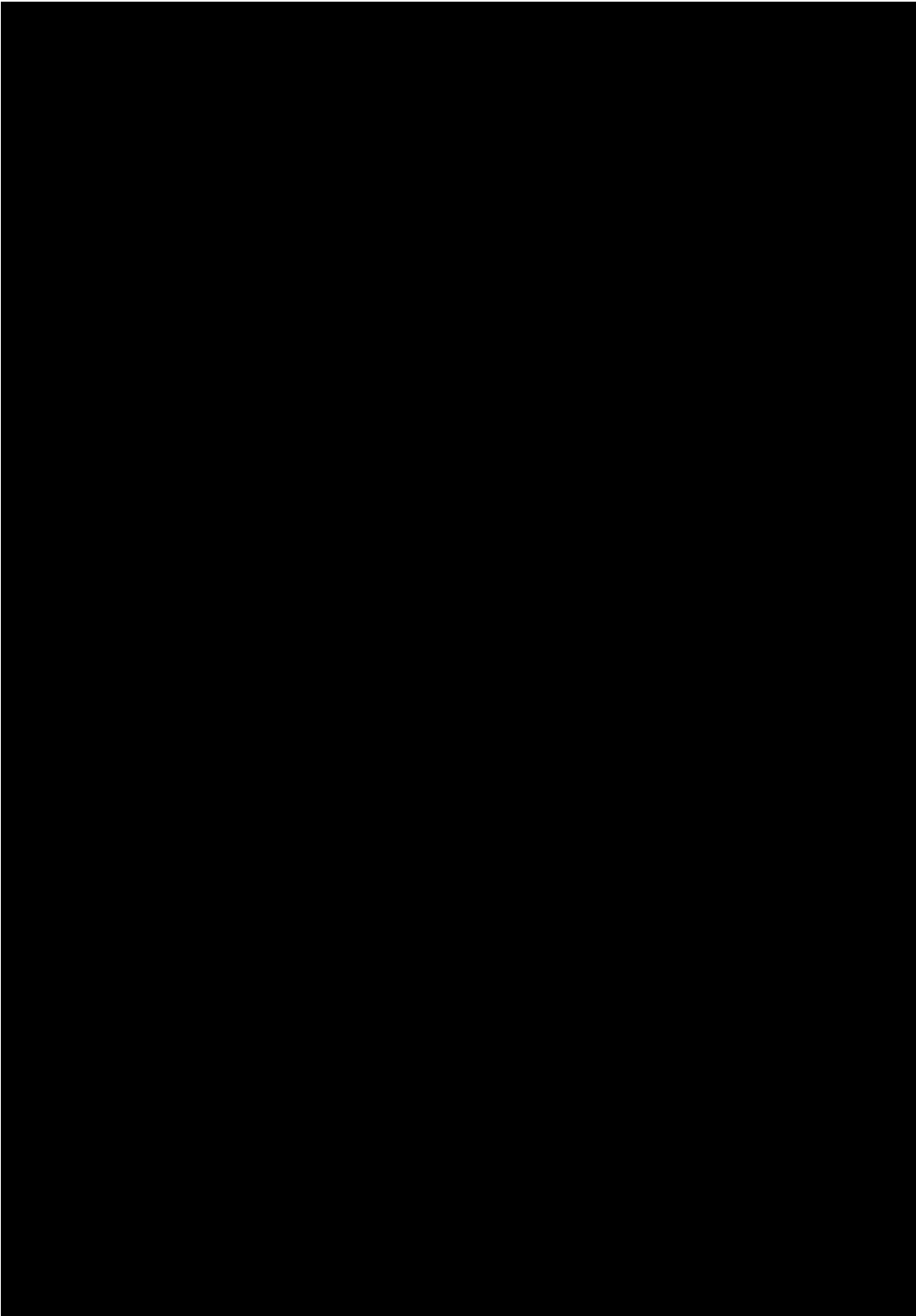
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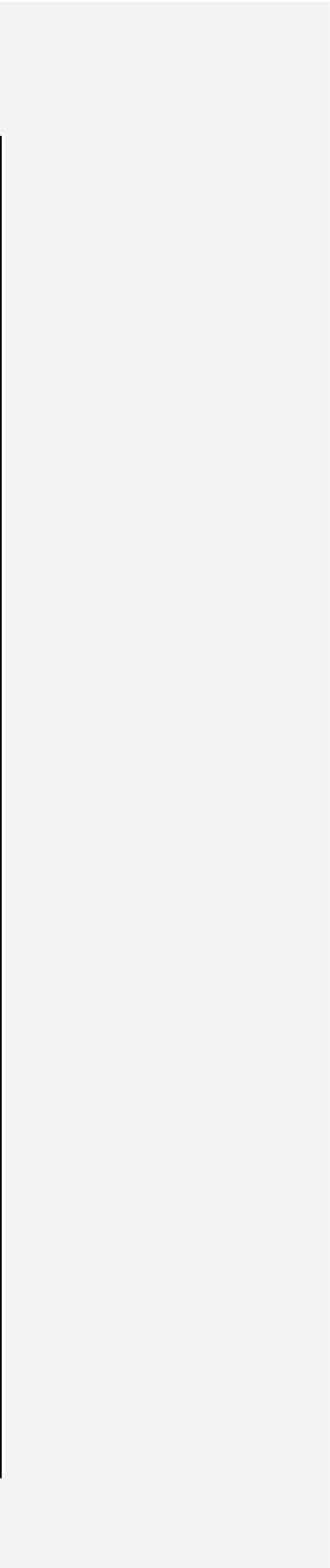
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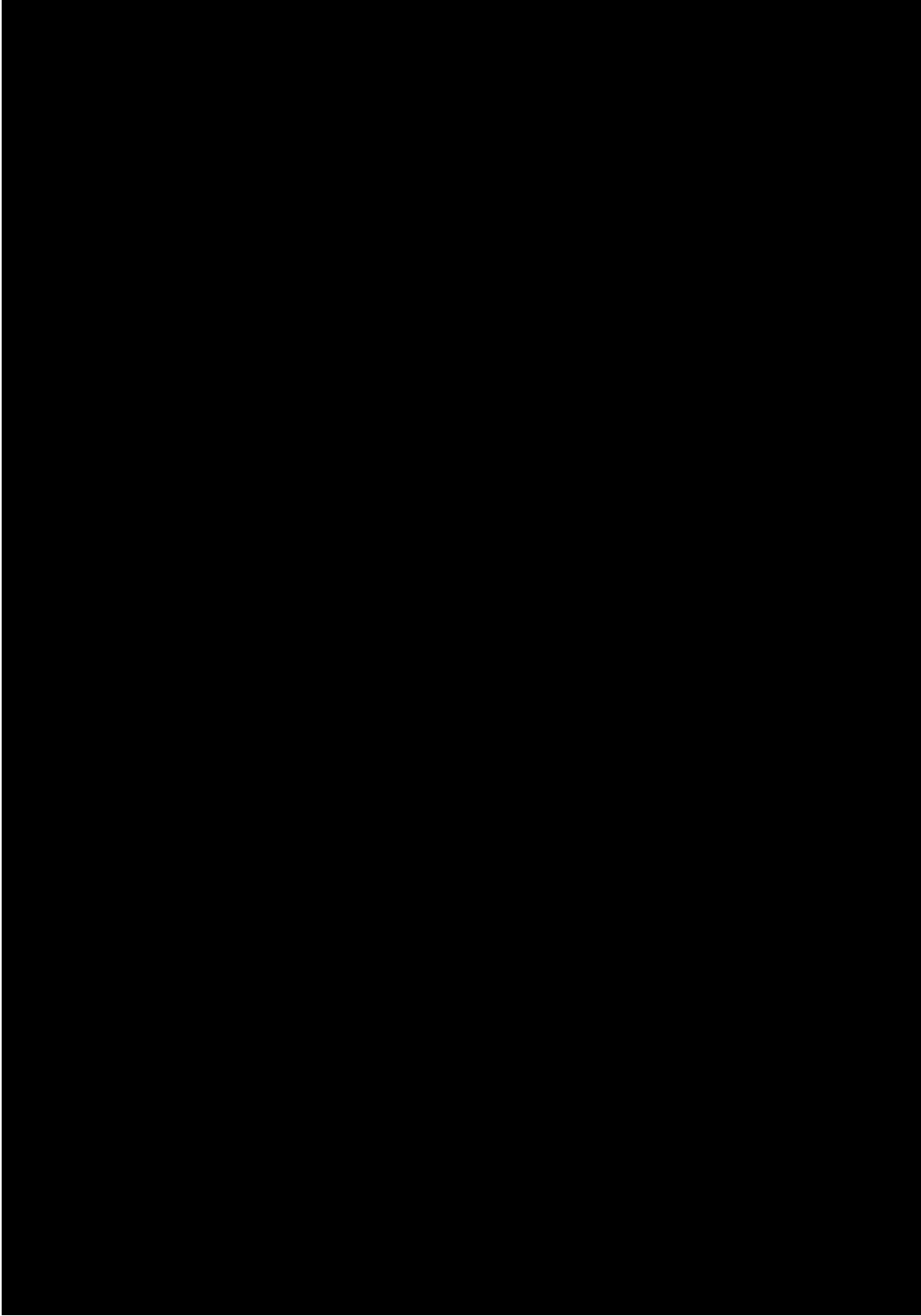
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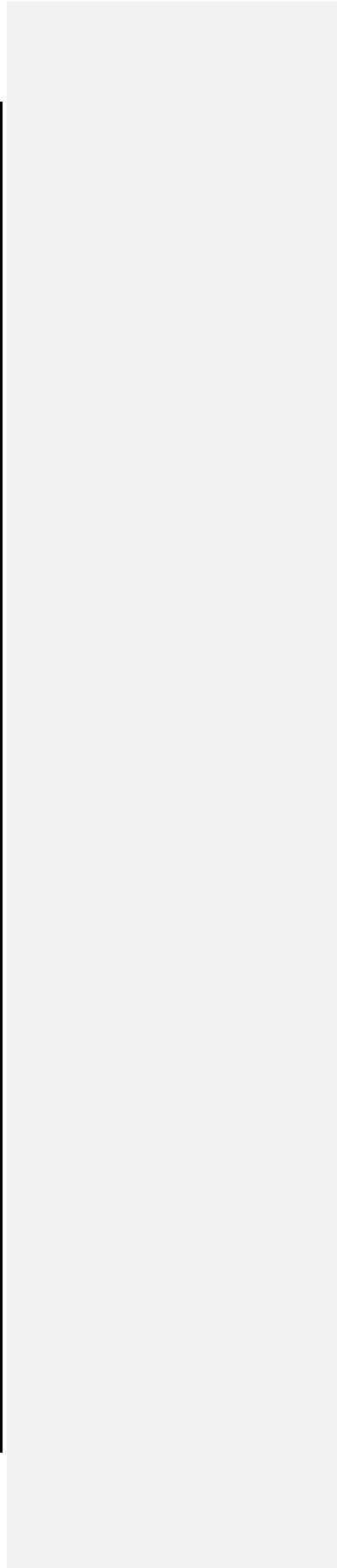
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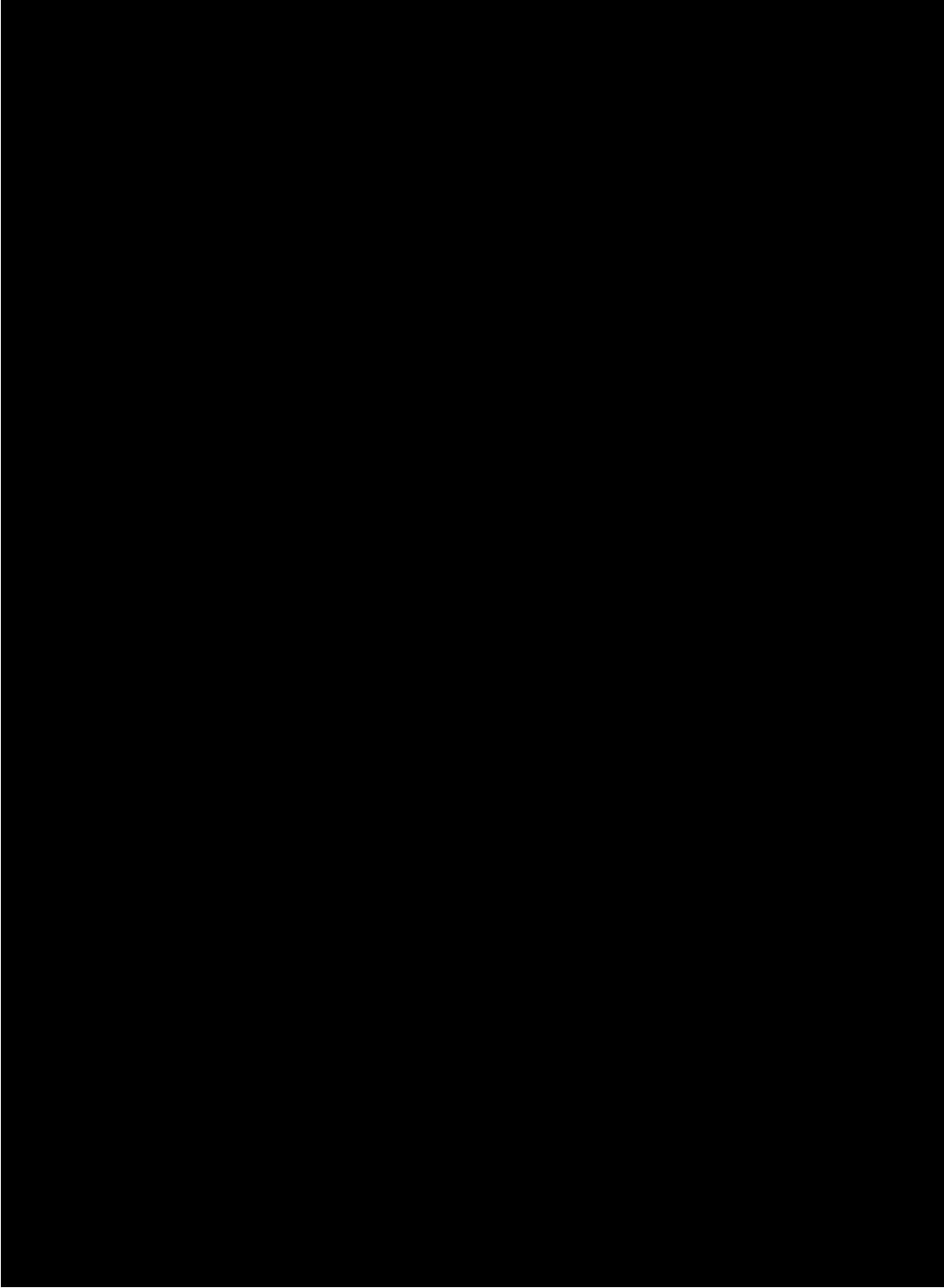
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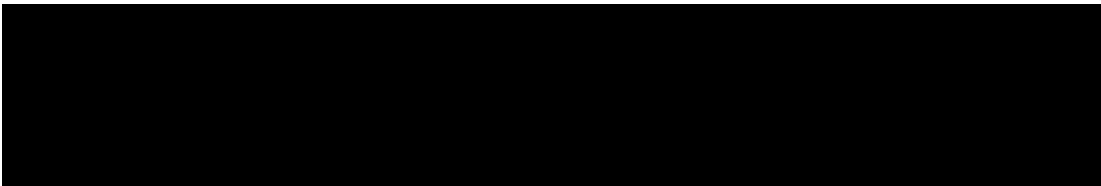
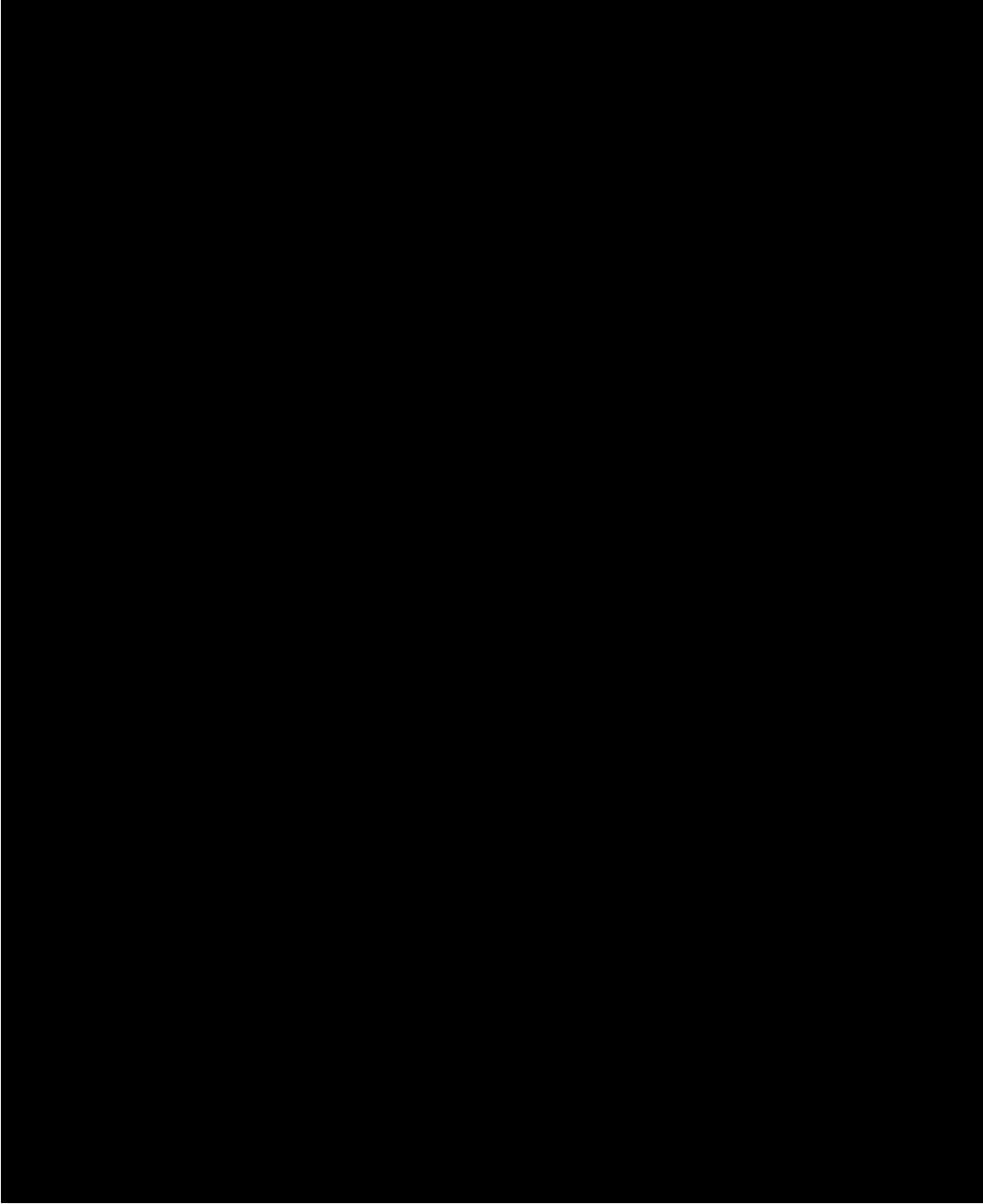


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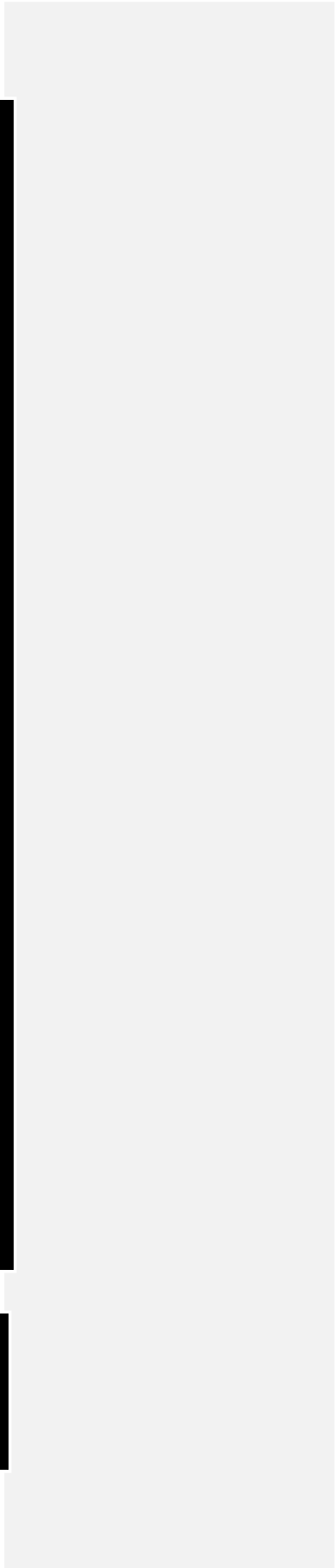


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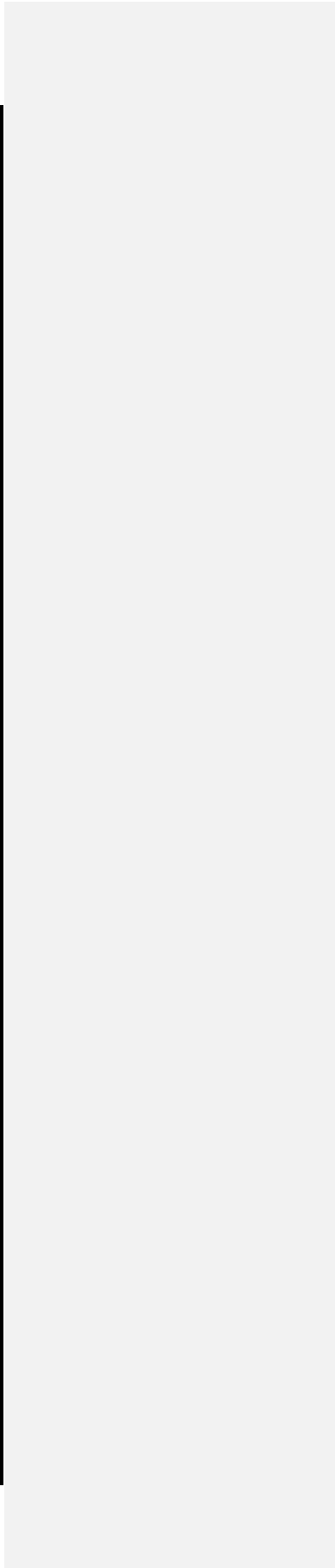
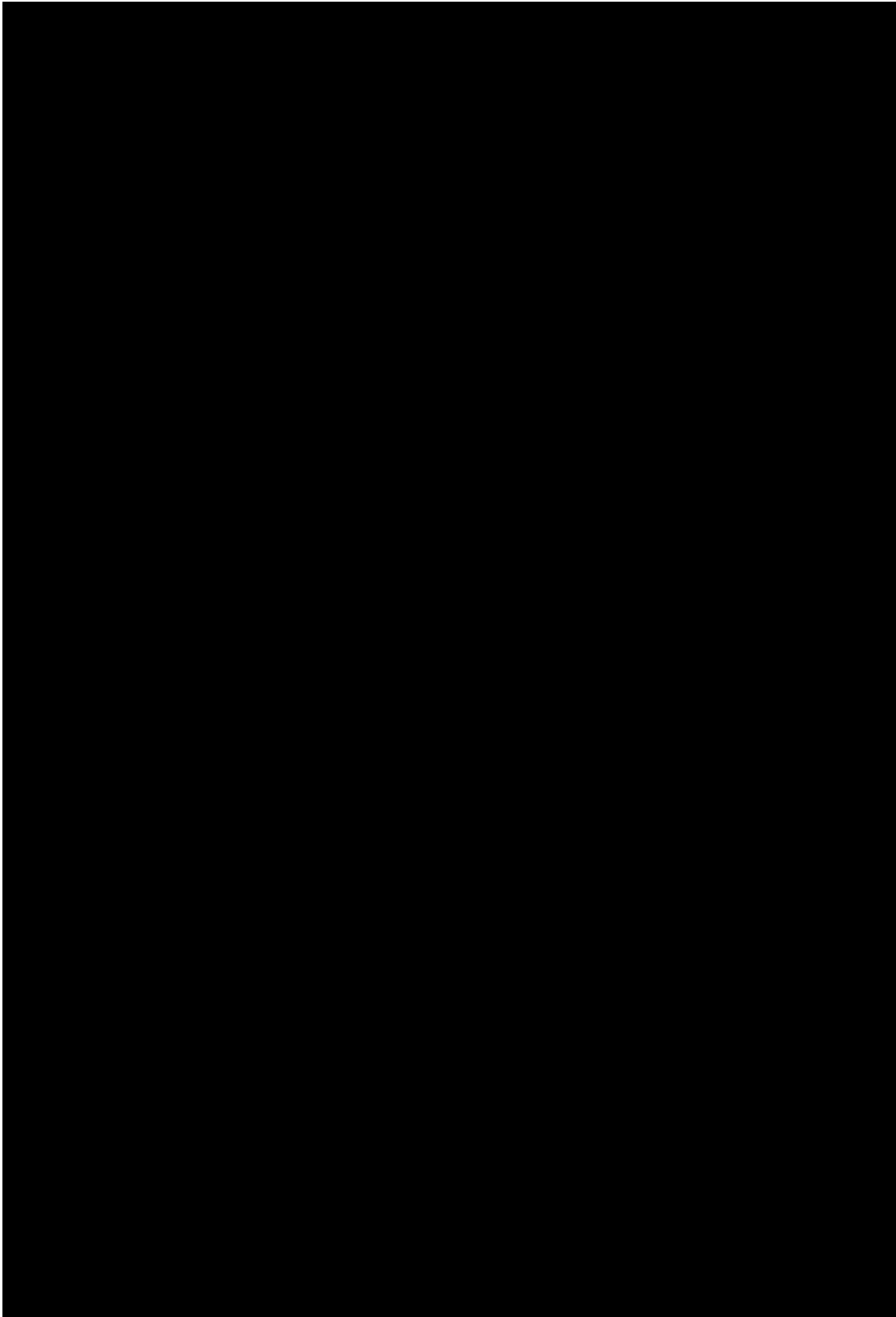
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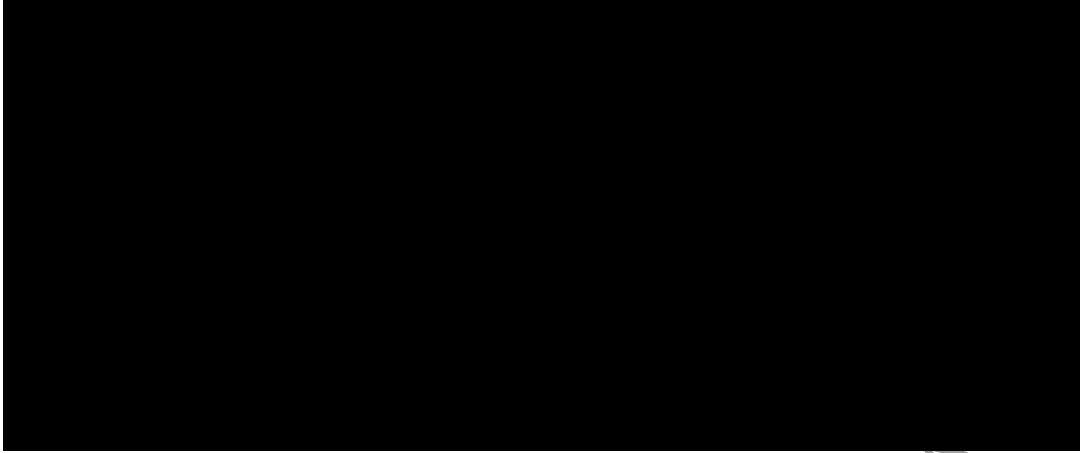
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Table J: Redistribution Committee response to themes contained in suggestions and comments on suggestions

Comment [NMT1]: To be double checked

Suggestions and comments on suggestions recommend...	Suggestion and/or comment this theme is to be found in	The Redistribution Committee has...
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
not altering the name of the Division of Fraser.	S7 – Darren McSweeney C2 – David Wedgwood	proposed altering the name of the Division of Fraser to the Division of Fenner. proposed to not alter the name of the Division of Fraser.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
the name of the Division of Fraser be changed.	S2 – Michael Hedger S4 – Jeff Waddell S5 – Warrick Gzric S6 – Mark Mulcair	proposed the name of the Division of Fraser be changed to the Division of Fenner. proposed the name of the Division of Fraser not be changed.

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S7 – Darren McSweeney

C1 – Mark Mulcair

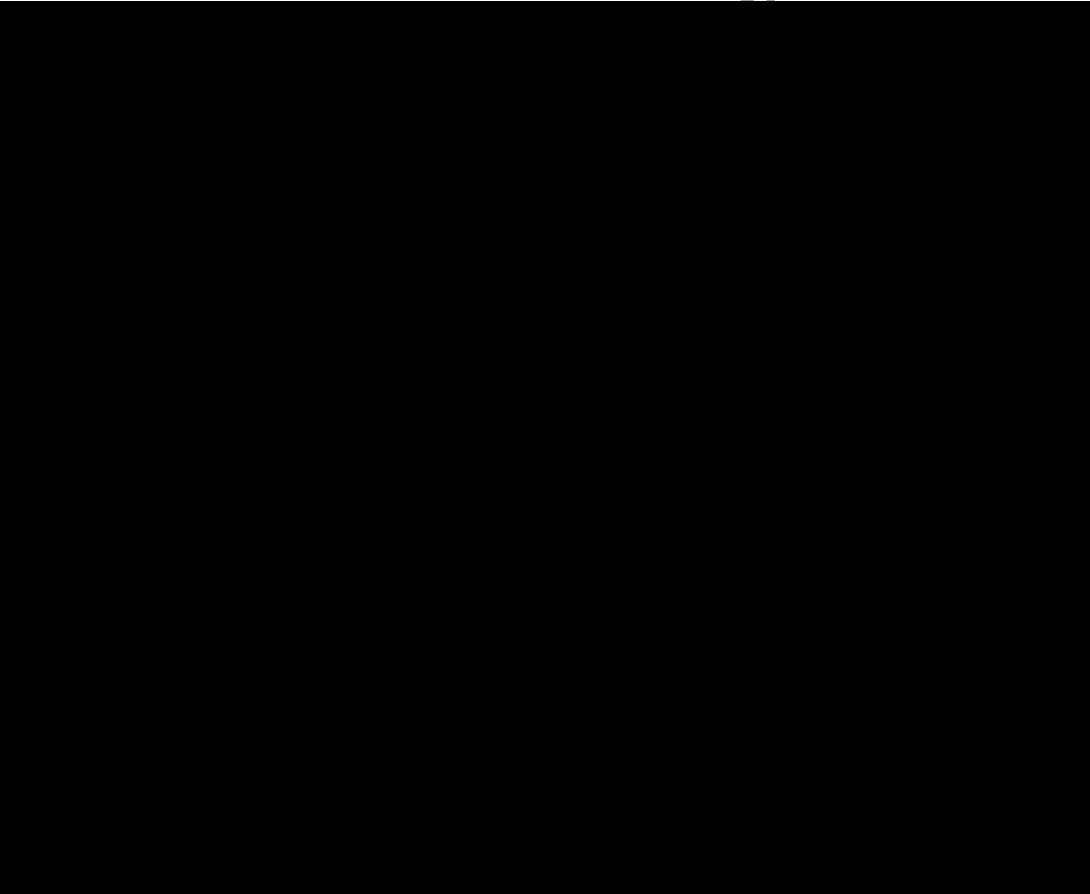
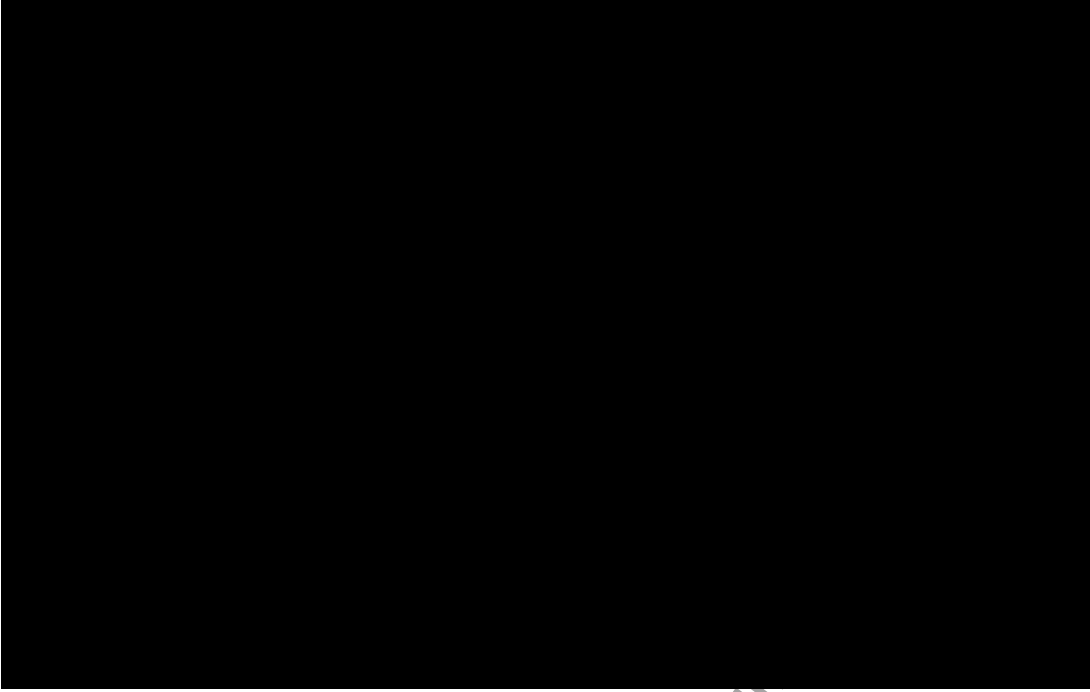
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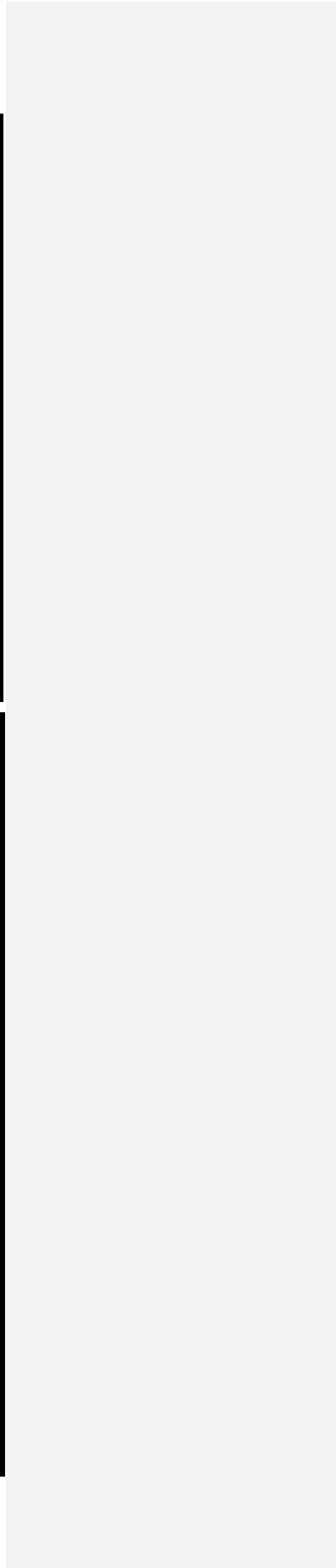
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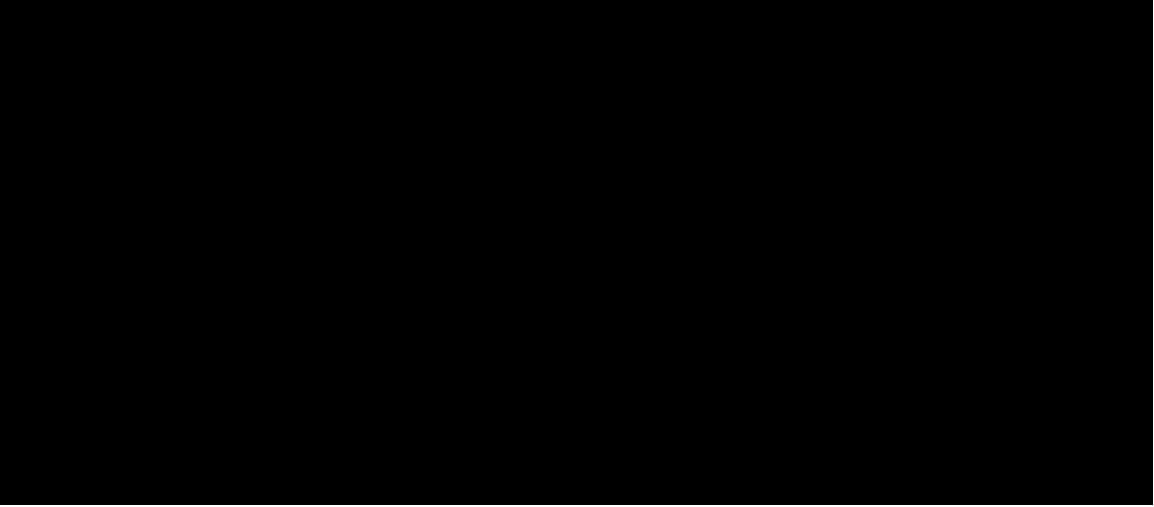
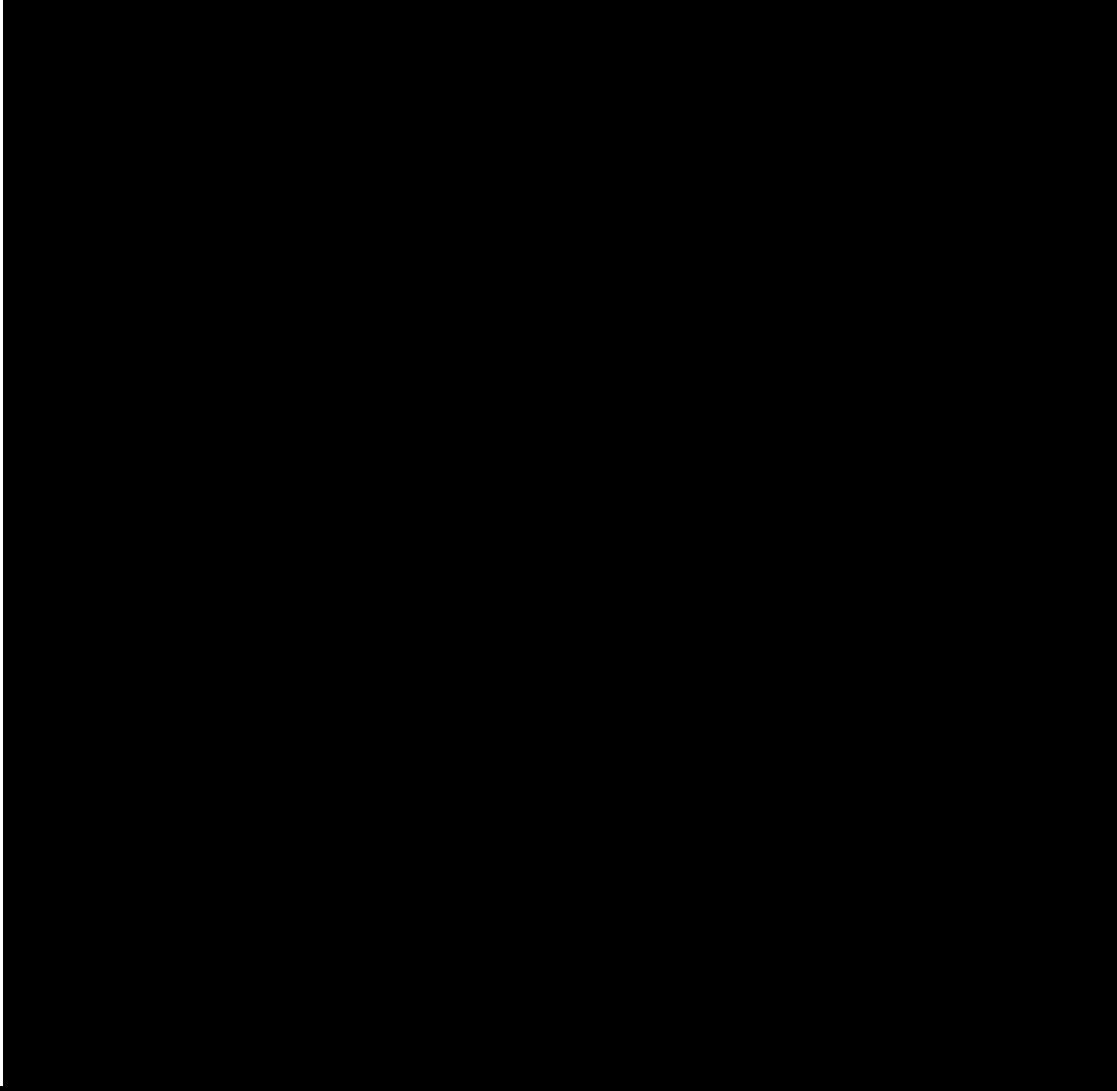
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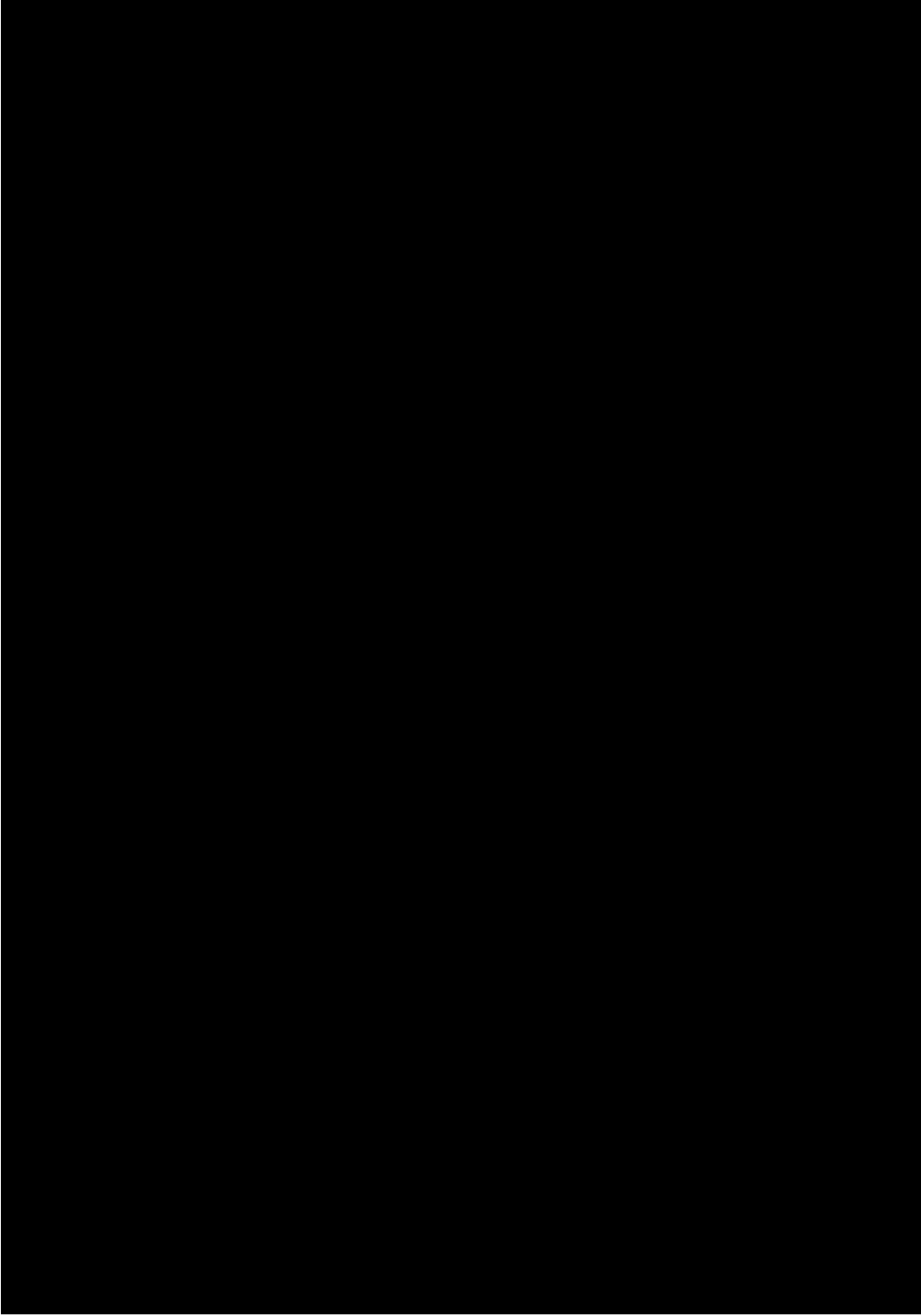


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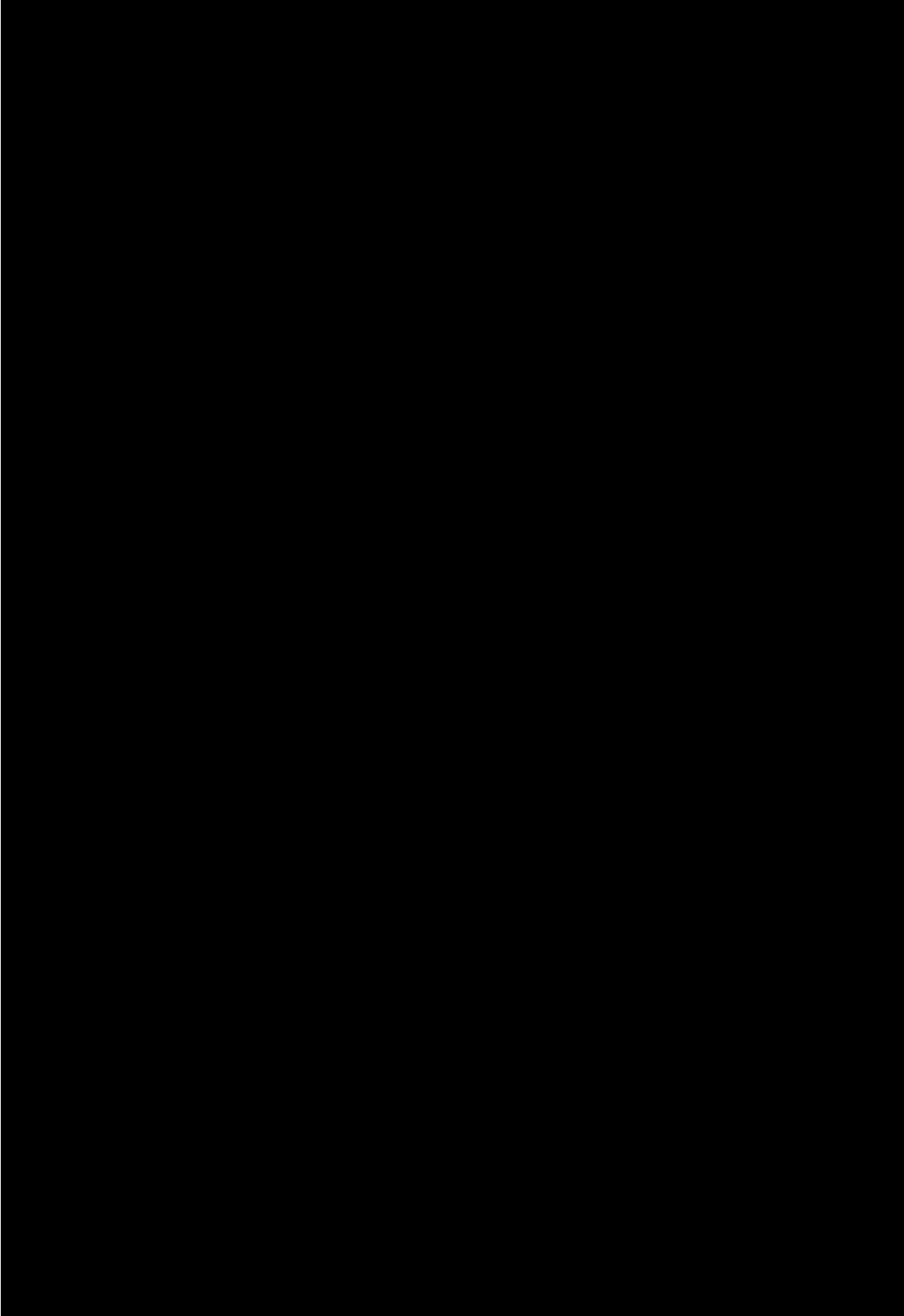
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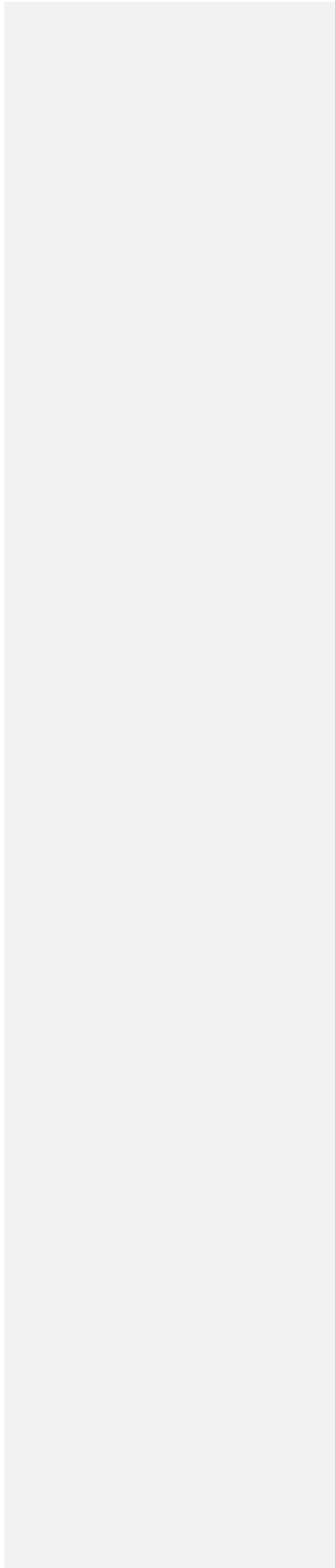


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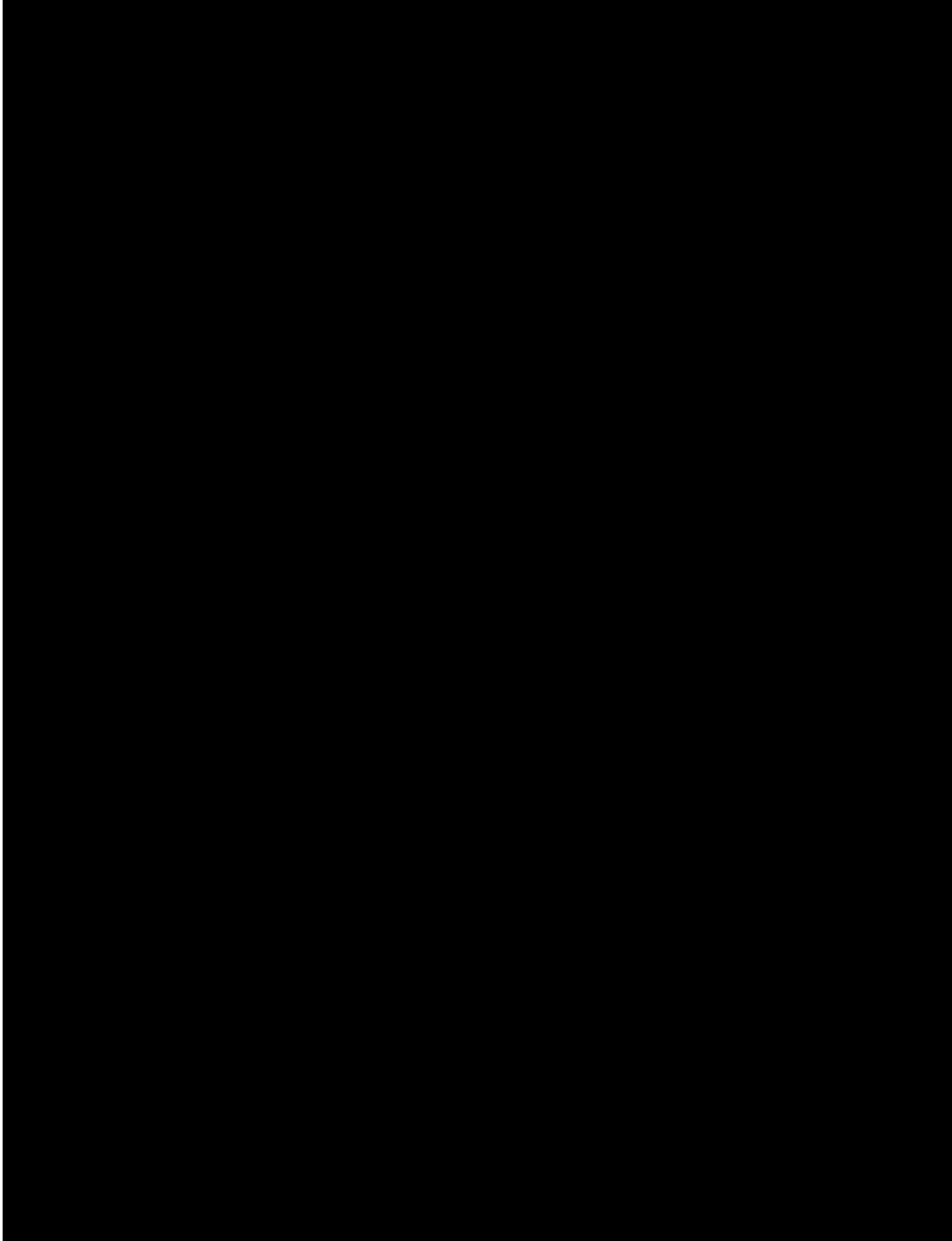
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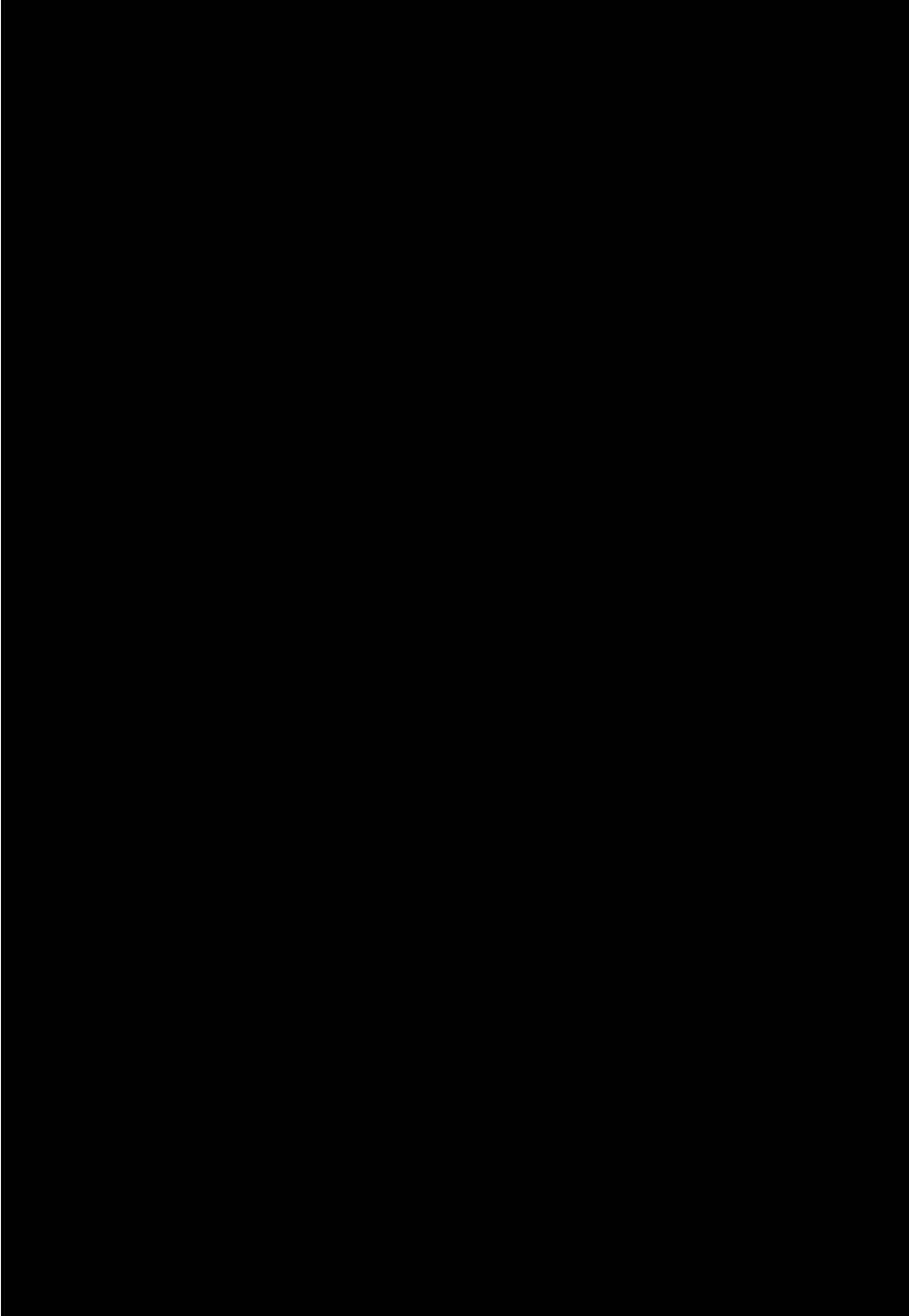


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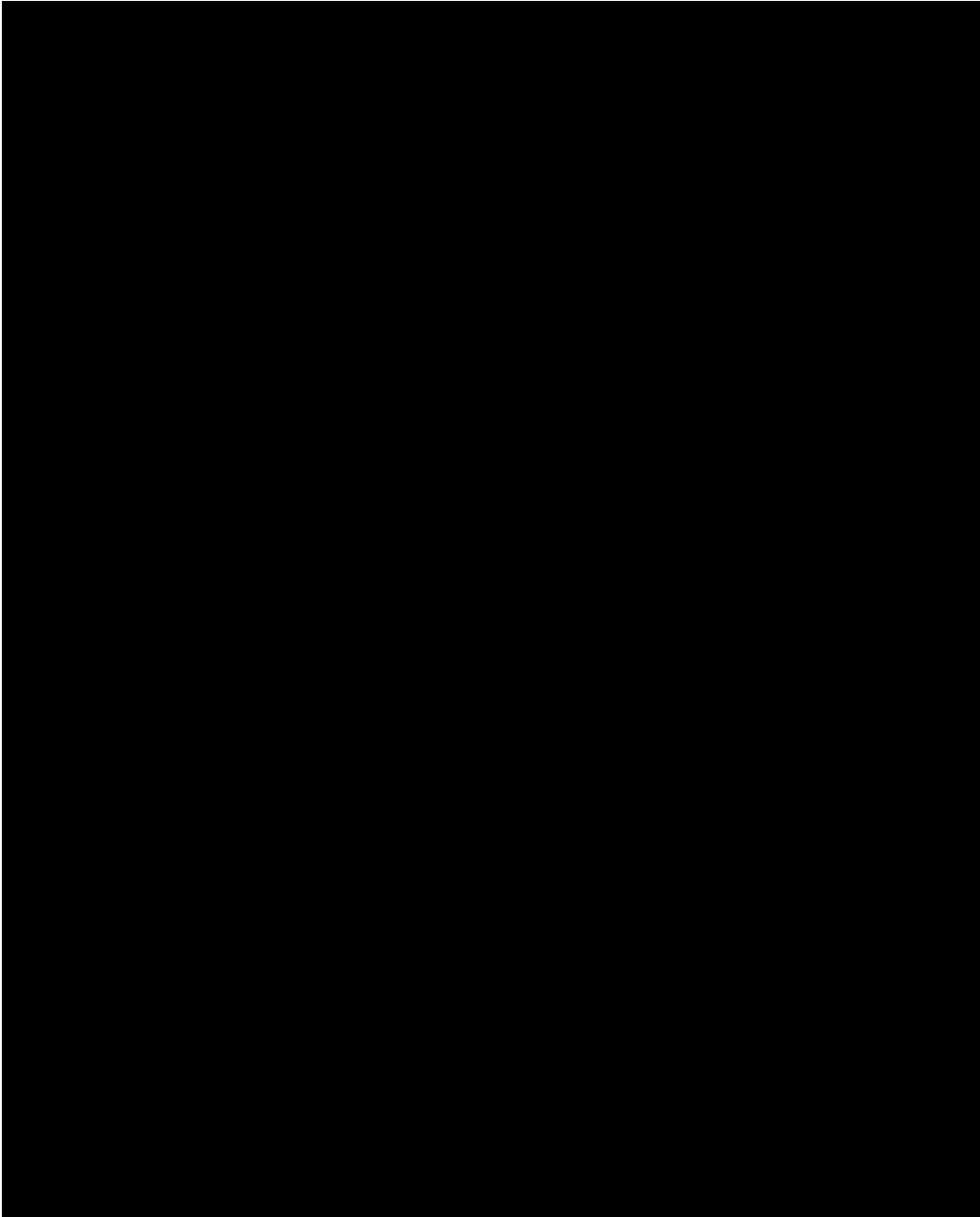
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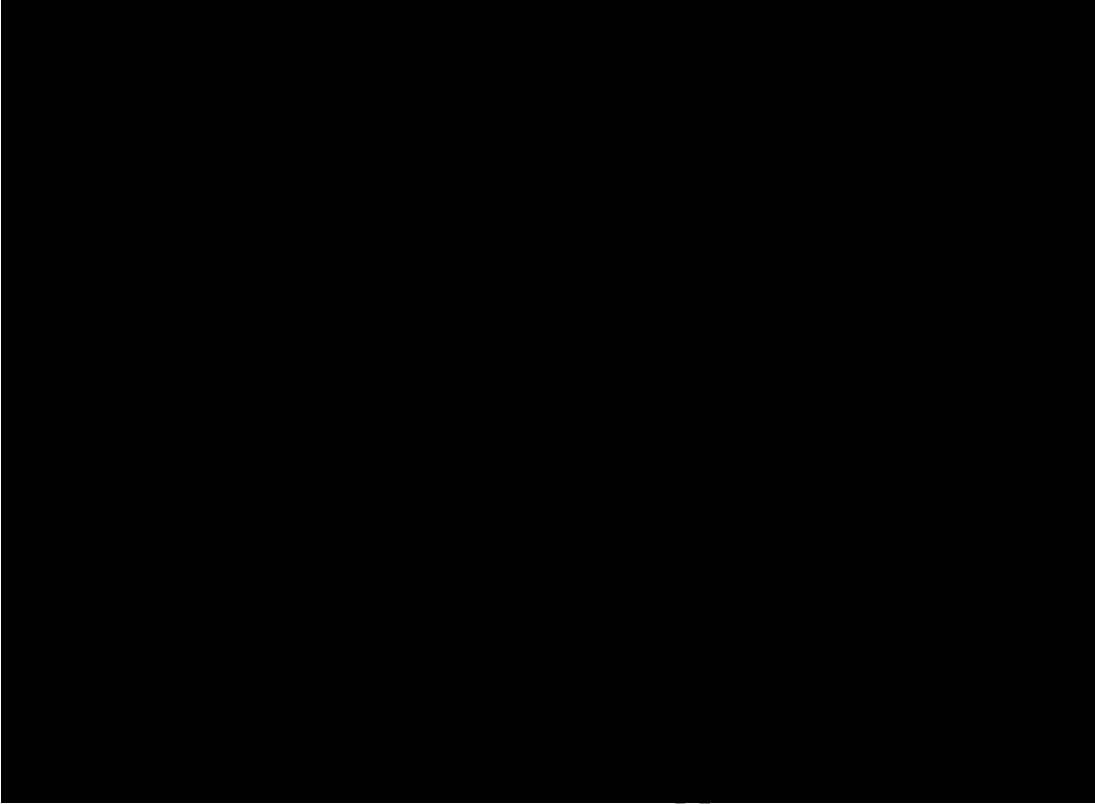
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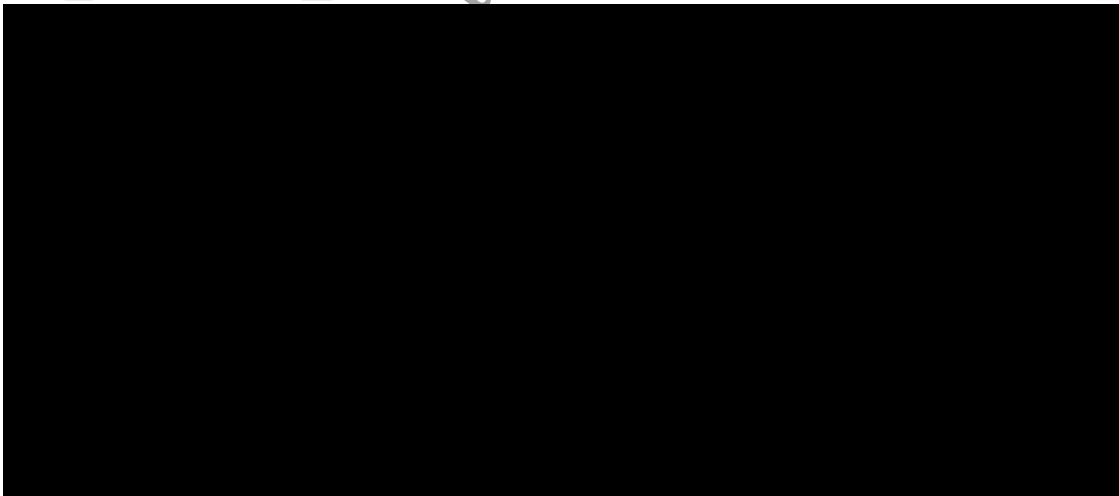
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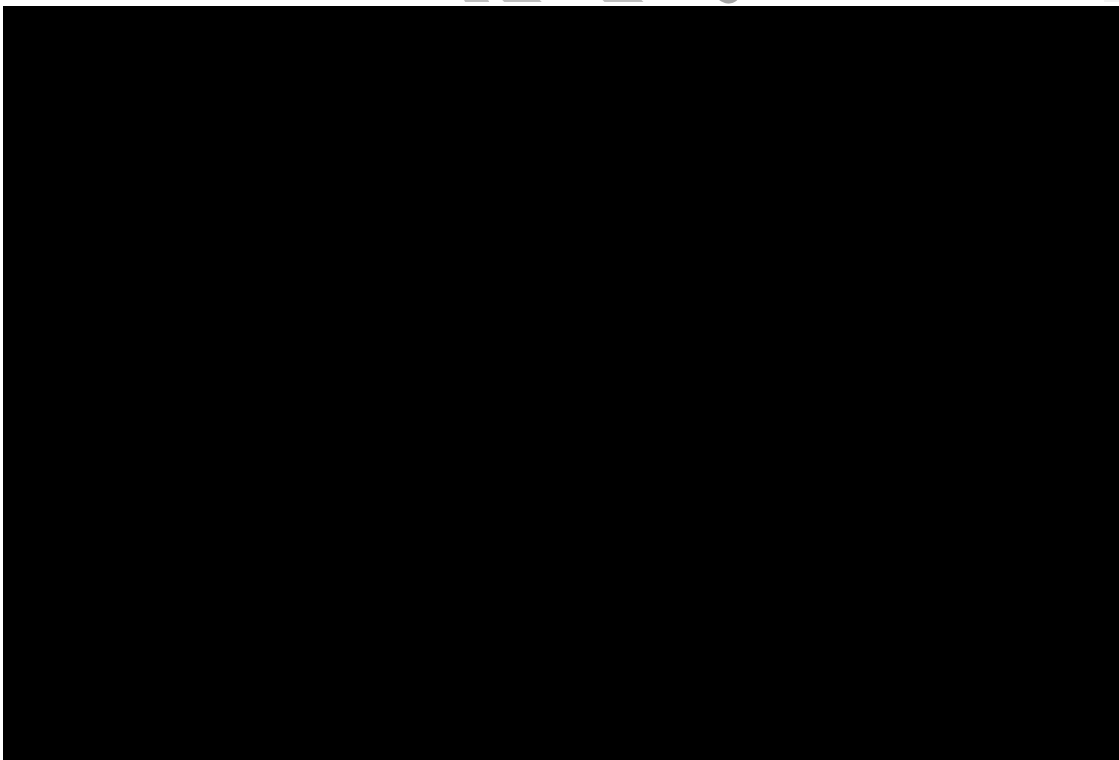
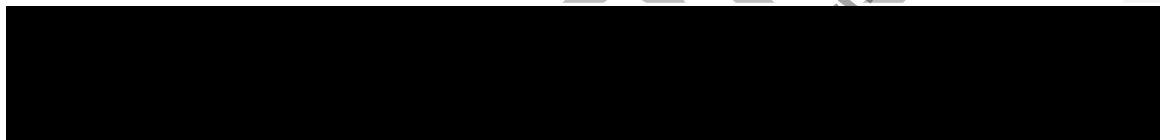
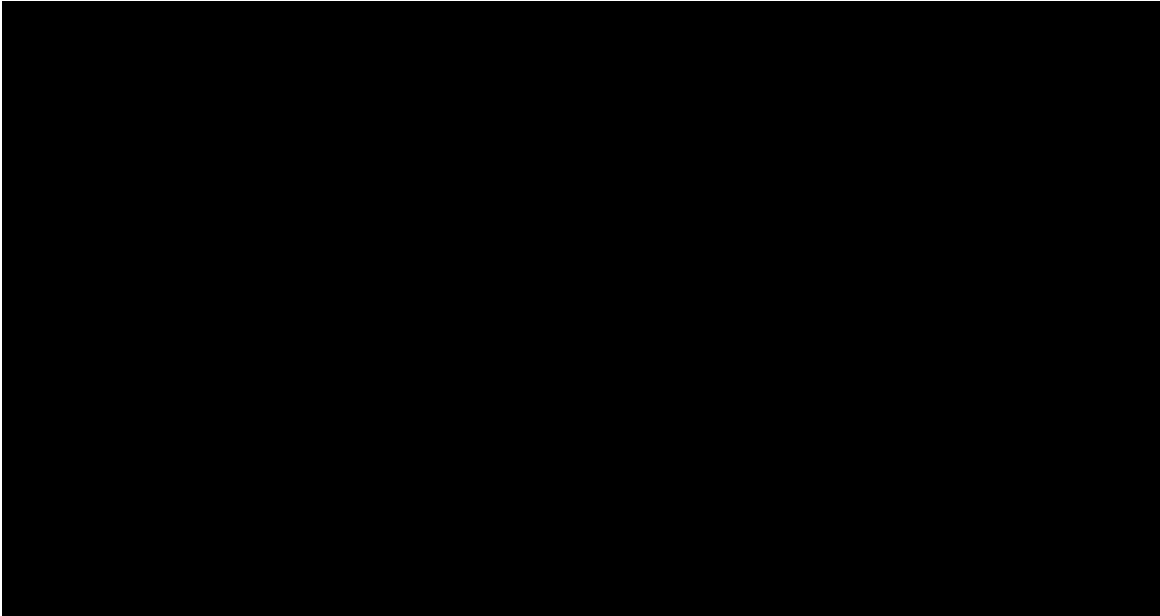
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- the Division of Fraser should be renamed 'Fenner', in recognition of Professor Frank Fenner.

This proposal is consistent with those public suggestions received which advocated changing either or both division names,¹¹ although it should be noted that the names adopted and applied differ to what was contained in suggestions and comments.

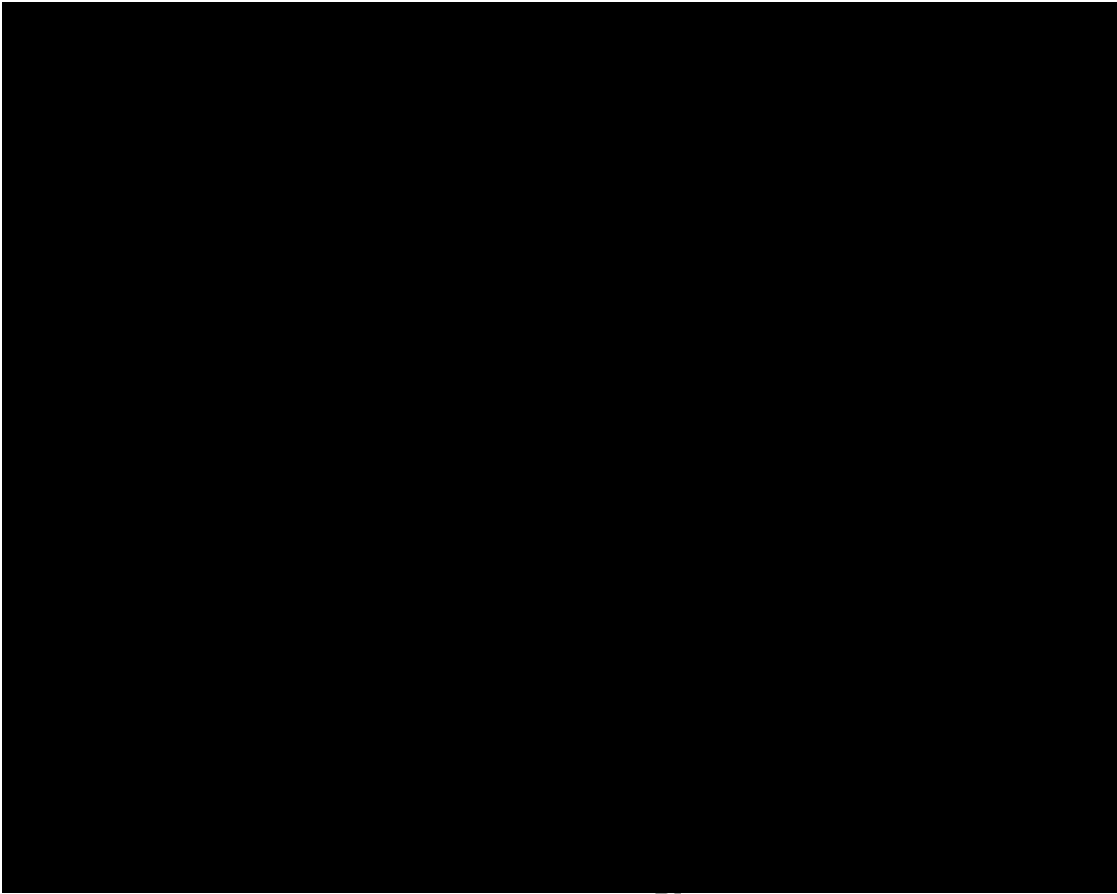


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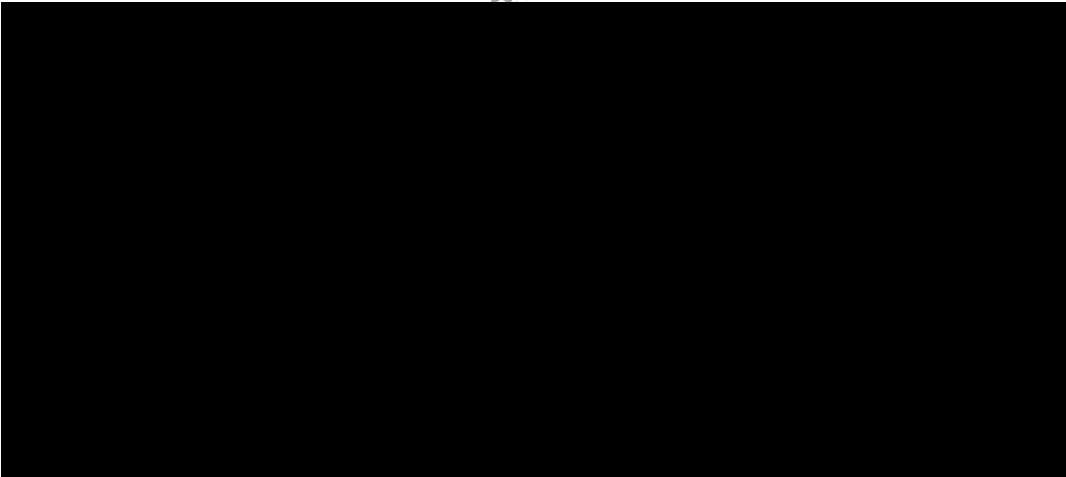
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The Redistribution Committee acknowledges the contribution to Australian society of those individuals suggested for consideration and the general relevance of all names suggested. Following careful consideration of the names proposed, and the arguments made for changing the names of both divisions, the Committee proposes:



- rename the division of Fraser 'Fenner' in honour and recognition of Professor Frank Fenner's service and contributions to Australia in eradicating smallpox and the control of Australia's

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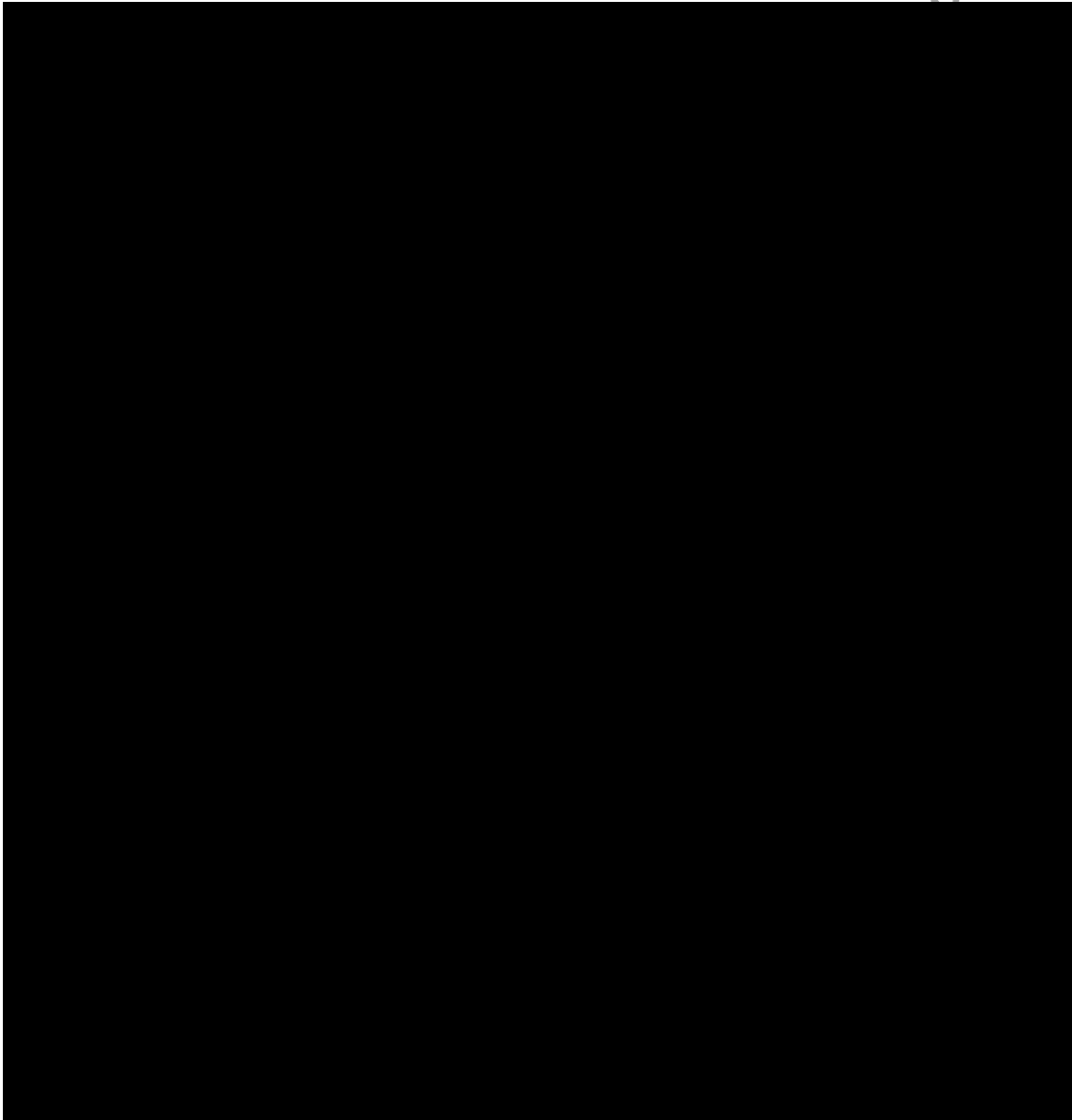
rabbit plague. The Committee also considers that 'Fenner' is an appropriate name of choice given Professor Fenner's association with the Australian National University, having been appointed in 1949 as Professor of Microbiology at the John Curtin School of Medical Research and establishing the Centre for Resources and Environmental Studies in 1973.

Professor Fenner was the Chairman of the Global Commission for the Certification of Smallpox Eradication and was a World Health Organisation adviser on the eradication of this disease. Professor Fenner is one of the greats of Australian science.

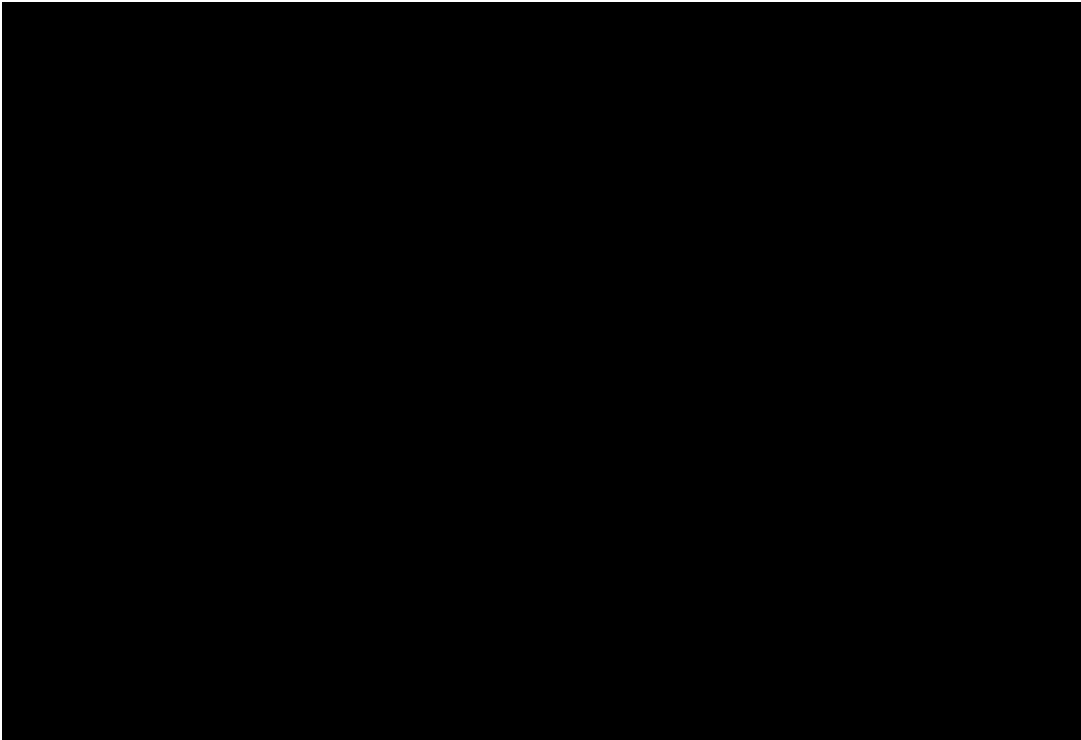
Professor Fenner made an enormous contribution to Australia's scientific community via his association with the Australian National University, studies of the myxoma and smallpox virus, passion for the environment and extensive research and writings.

Professor Fenner received many professional honours through his career, including the Japan Prize in 1988, Copley medal in 1995, Albert Einstein World Award for Science in 2000 and the Prime Minister's Prize for Science in 2002.

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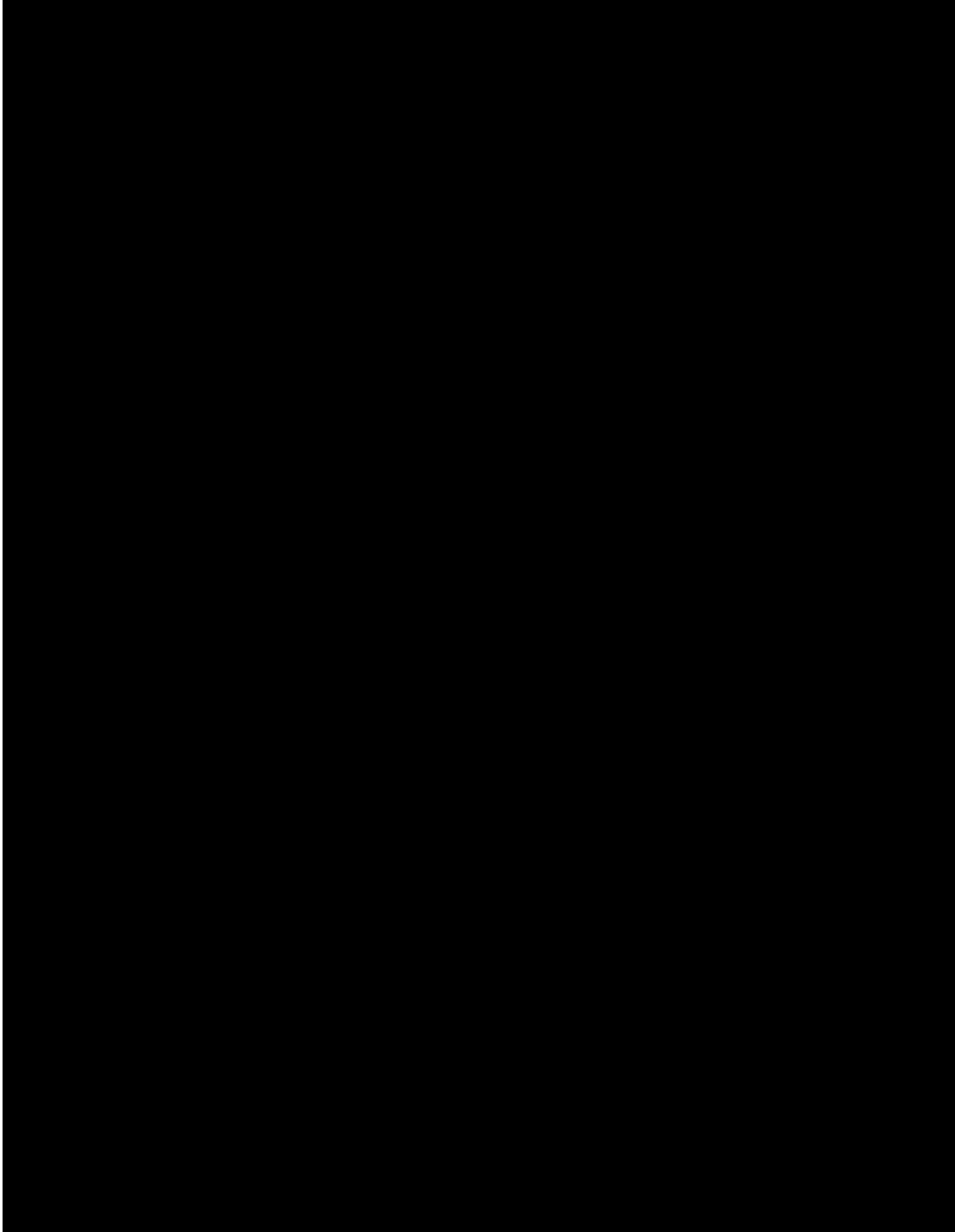


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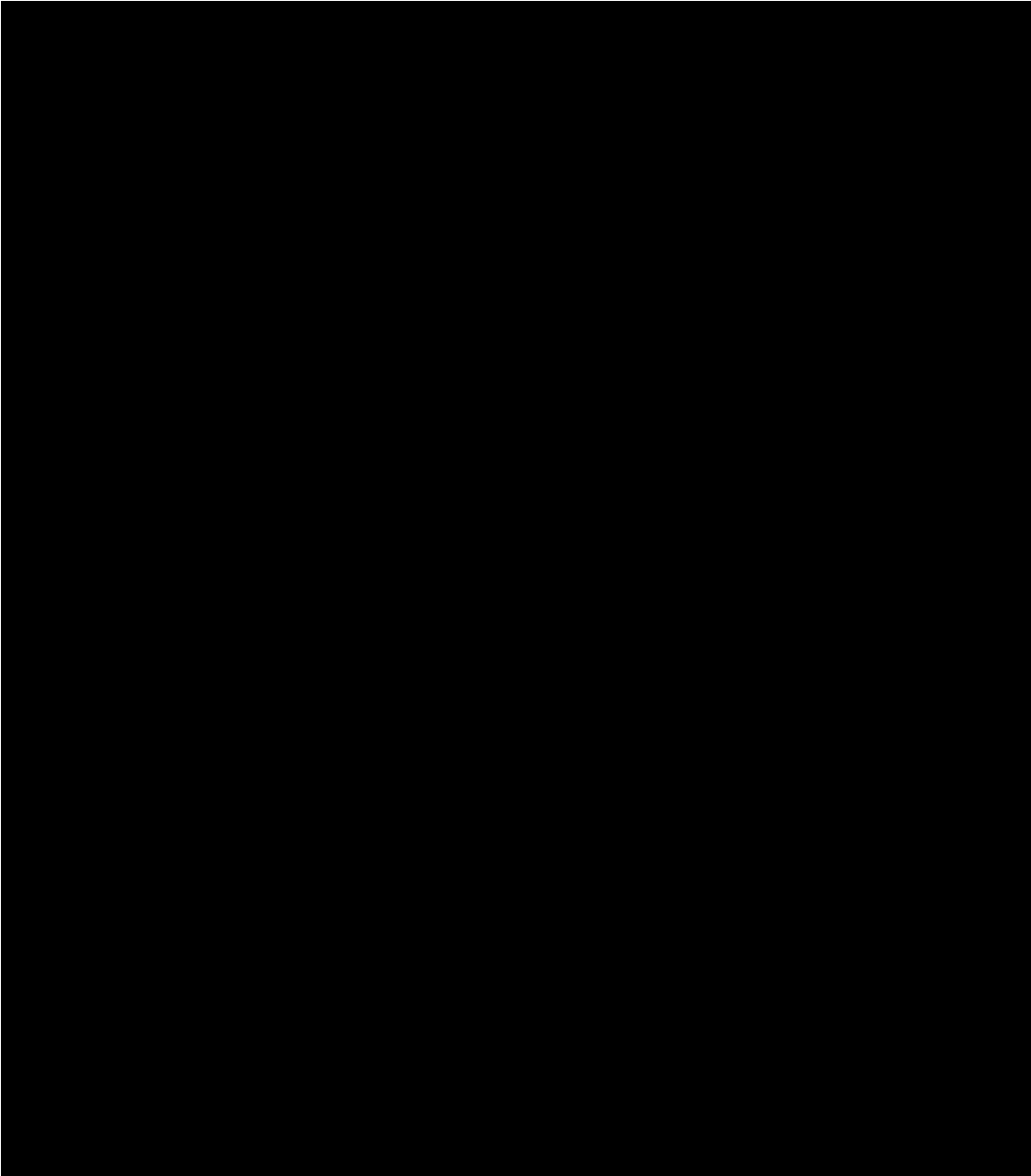
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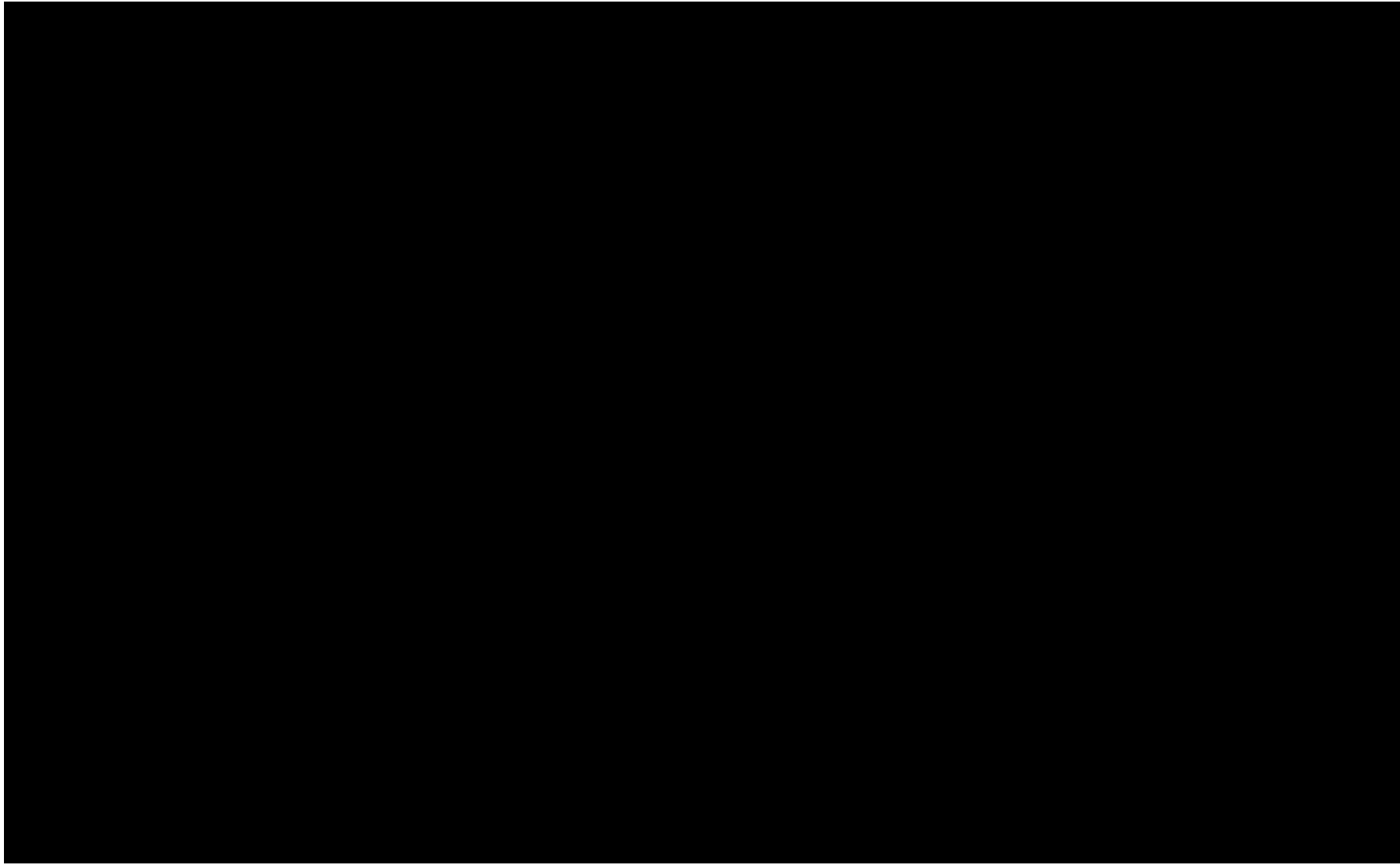
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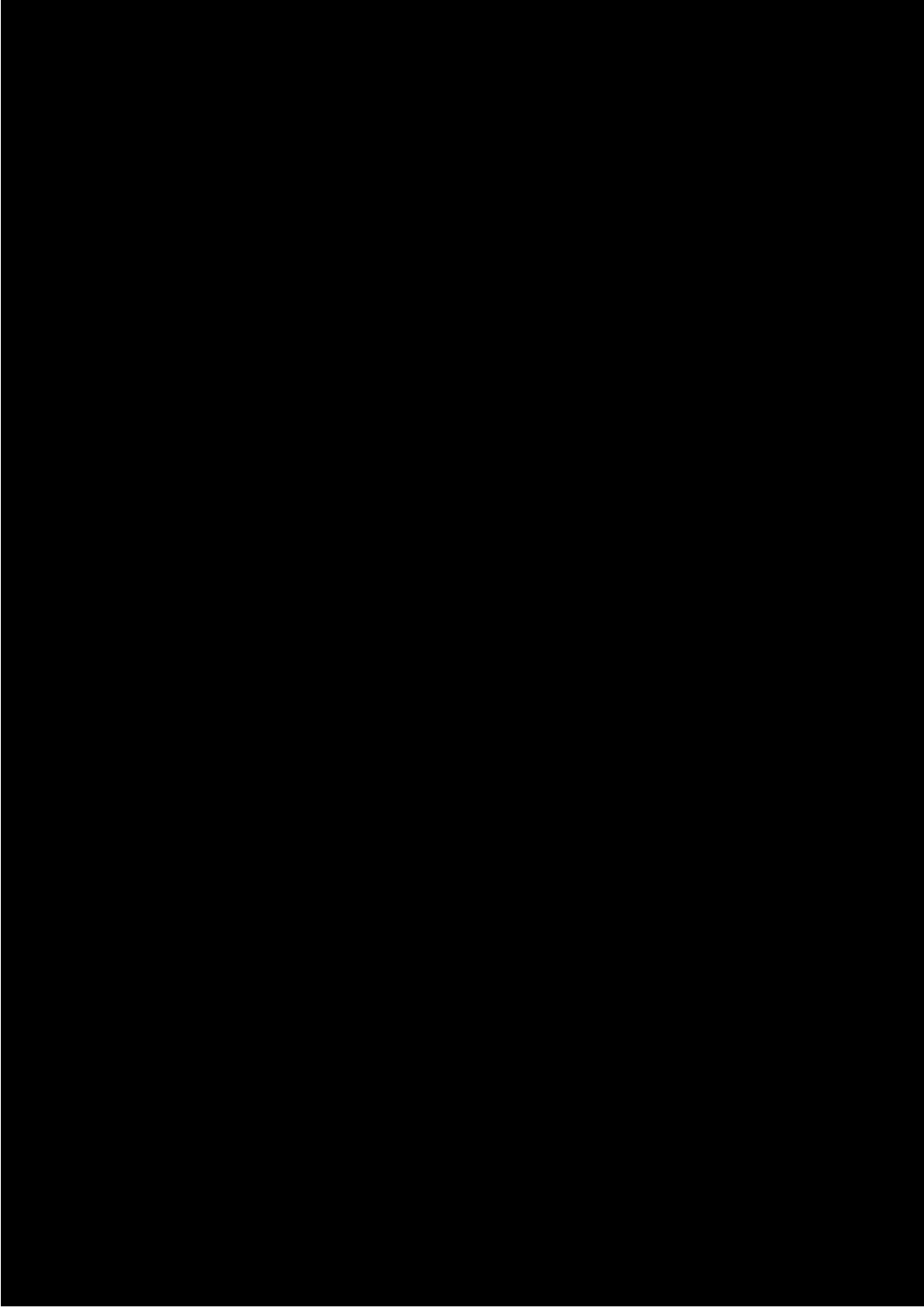
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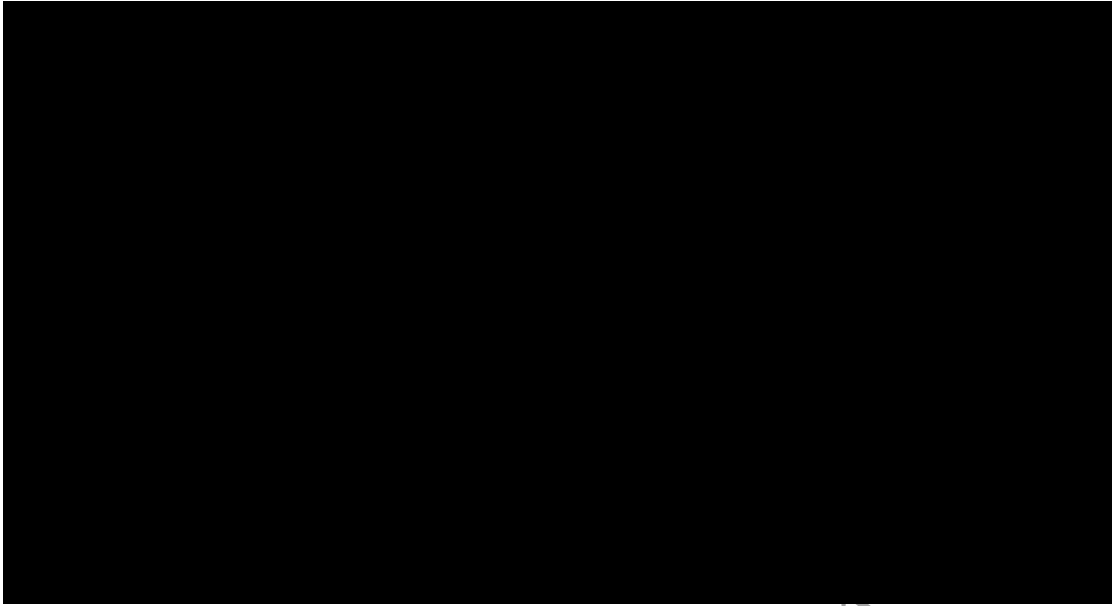
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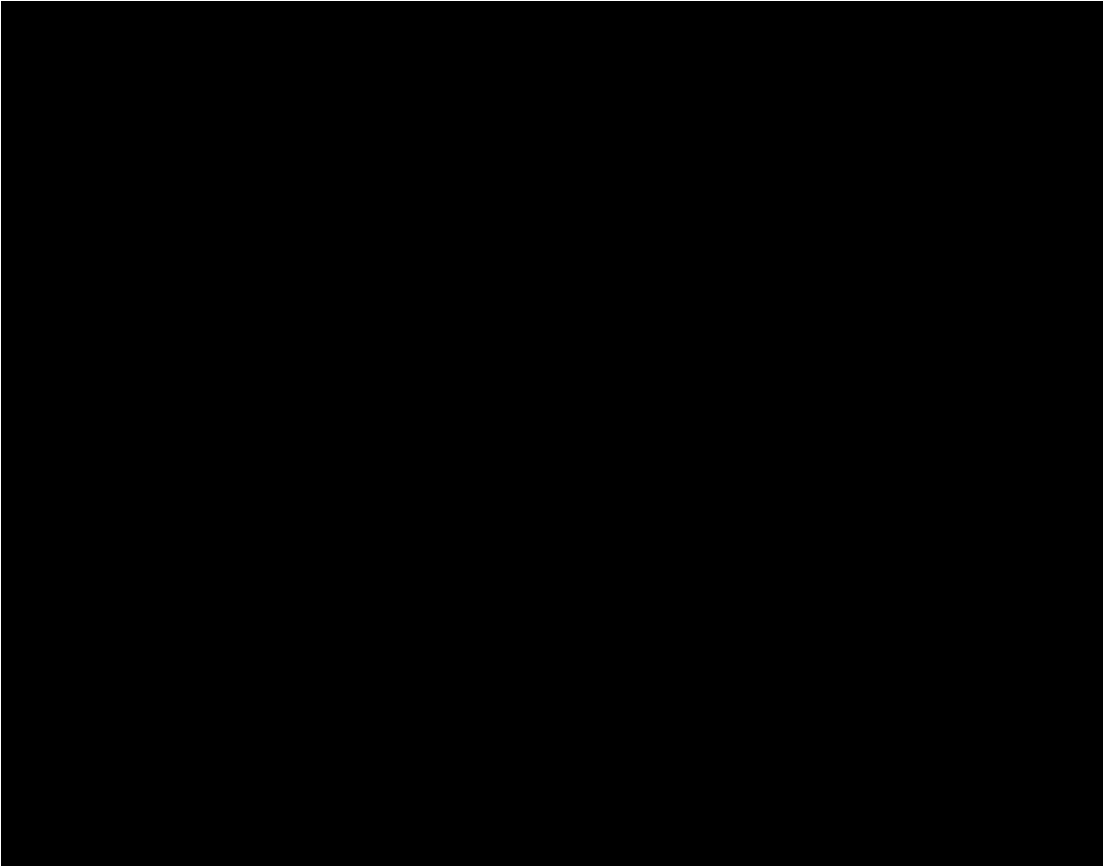


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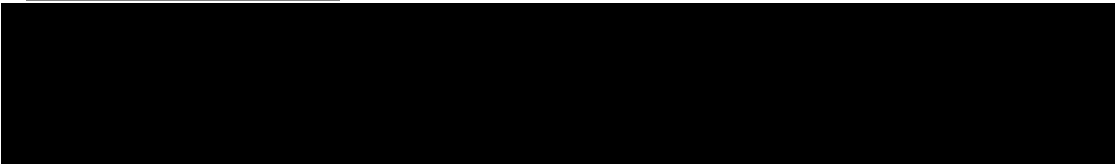
¹³ Ibid. Section 4.11
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Appendix Z: Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions

Determining the names of federal electoral divisions is part of the process of conducting a federal redistribution within a state or territory.

The criteria used by redistribution committees to propose the names of electoral divisions, and used by augmented electoral commissions to determine the names of electoral divisions, have previously been the subject of recommendations from the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. From these recommendations, a set of guidelines were developed as a point of reference only.

It should be noted that redistribution committees and augmented electoral commissions are in no way bound by the guidelines.

Naming after persons

In the main, divisions should be named after deceased Australians who have rendered outstanding service to their country.

When new divisions are created the names of former Prime Ministers should be considered.

Federation Divisional names

Every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation divisions.

Geographical names

Locality or place names should generally be avoided, but in certain areas the use of geographical features may be appropriate (e.g. Perth).

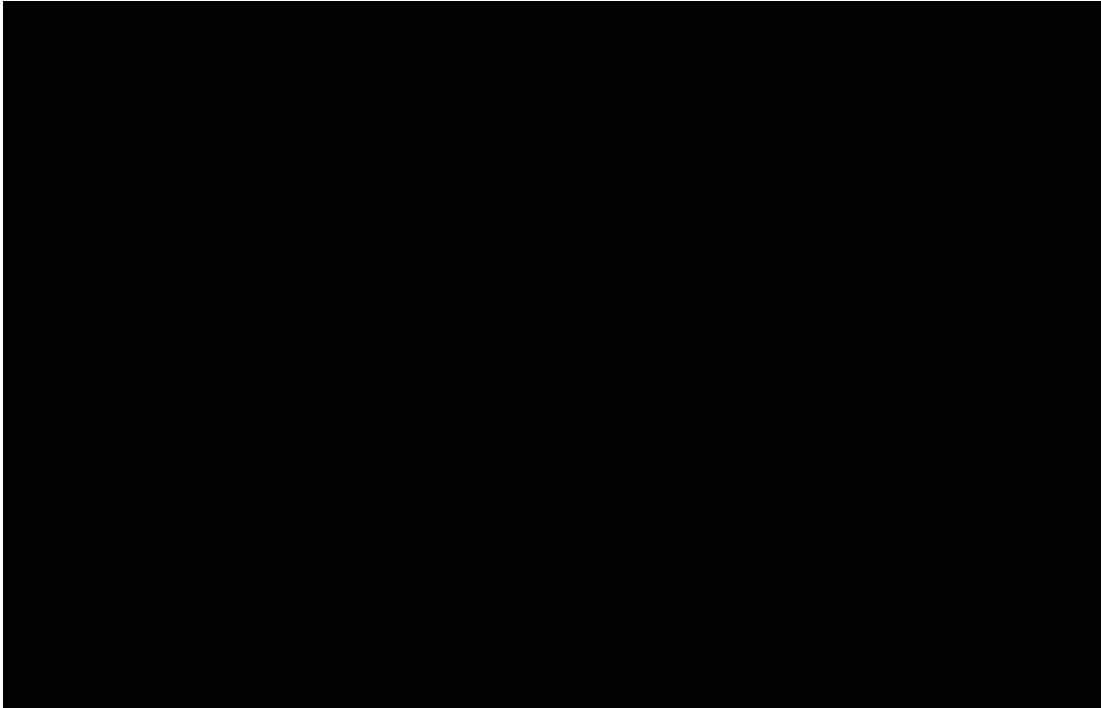
Aboriginal names

Aboriginal names should be used where appropriate and as far as possible existing Aboriginal divisional names should be retained.

Other criteria

- The names of Commonwealth Divisions should not duplicate existing State Districts.
- Qualifying names may be used where appropriate (e.g. Melbourne Ports, Port Adelaide).
- Names of divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons.
- When two or more divisions are partially combined, as far as possible the name of the new division should be that of the old division which had the greatest number of electors within the new boundaries. However, where the socio-demographic nature of the division in question has changed significantly, this should override the numerical formula.

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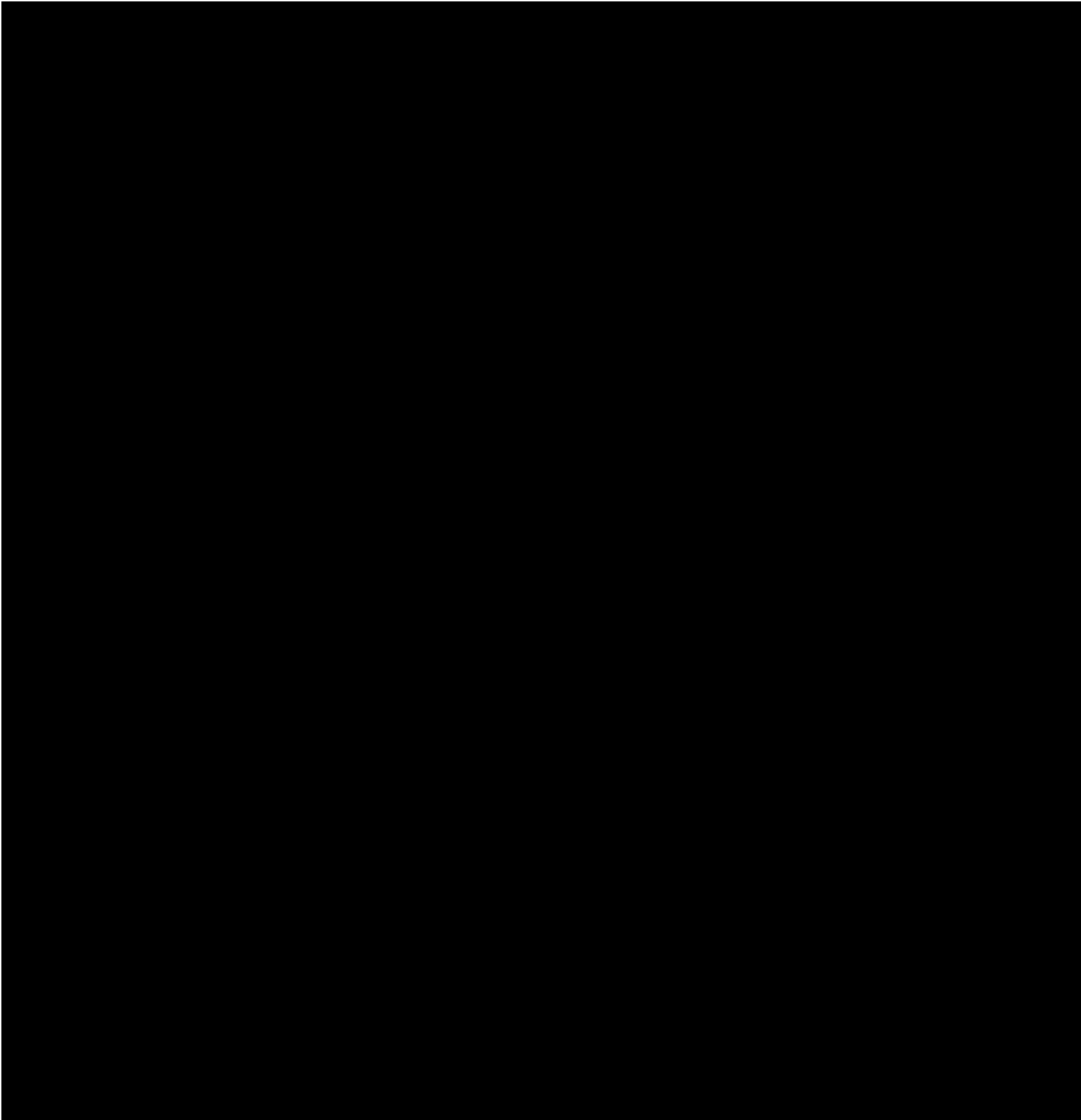
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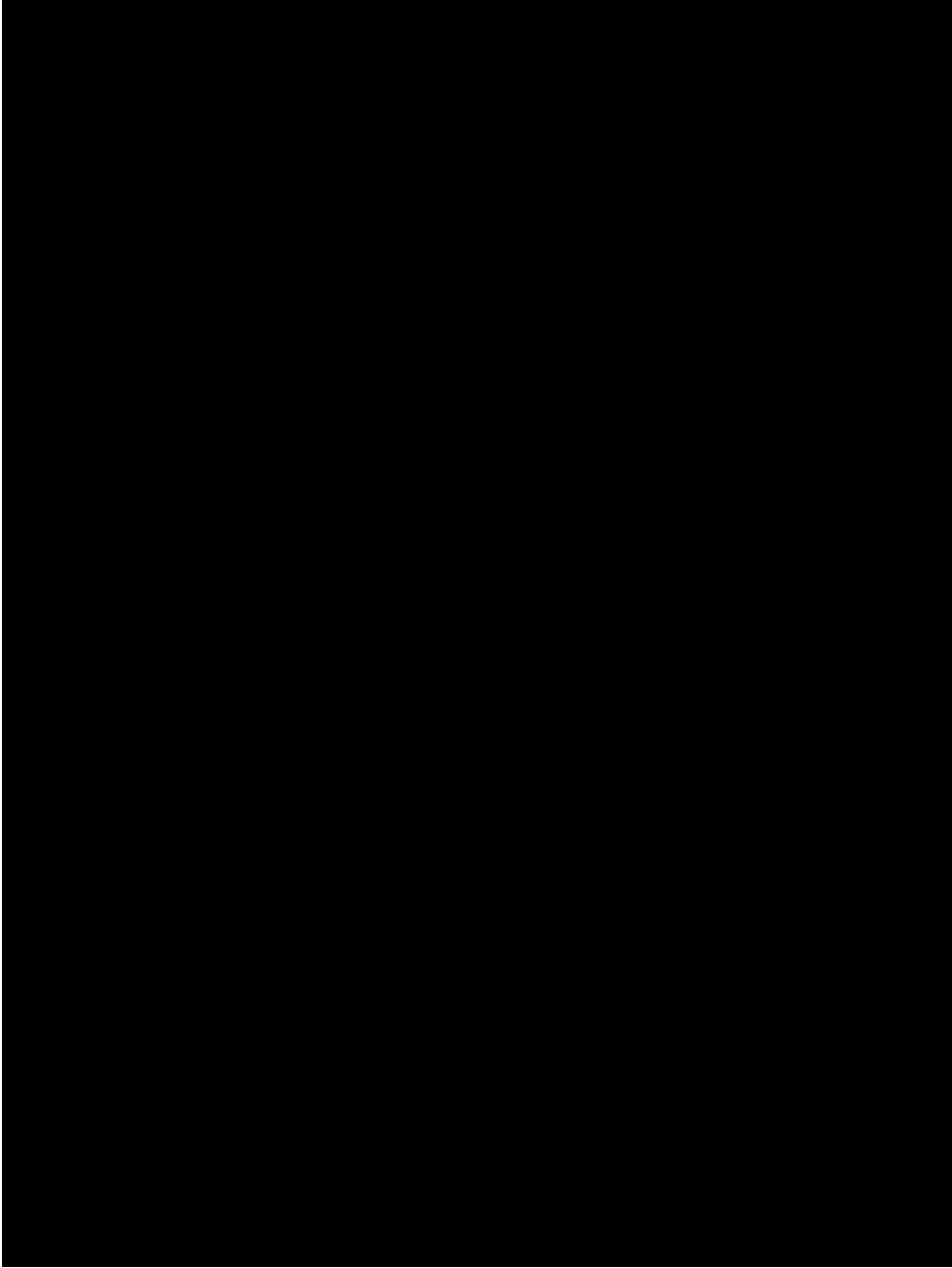
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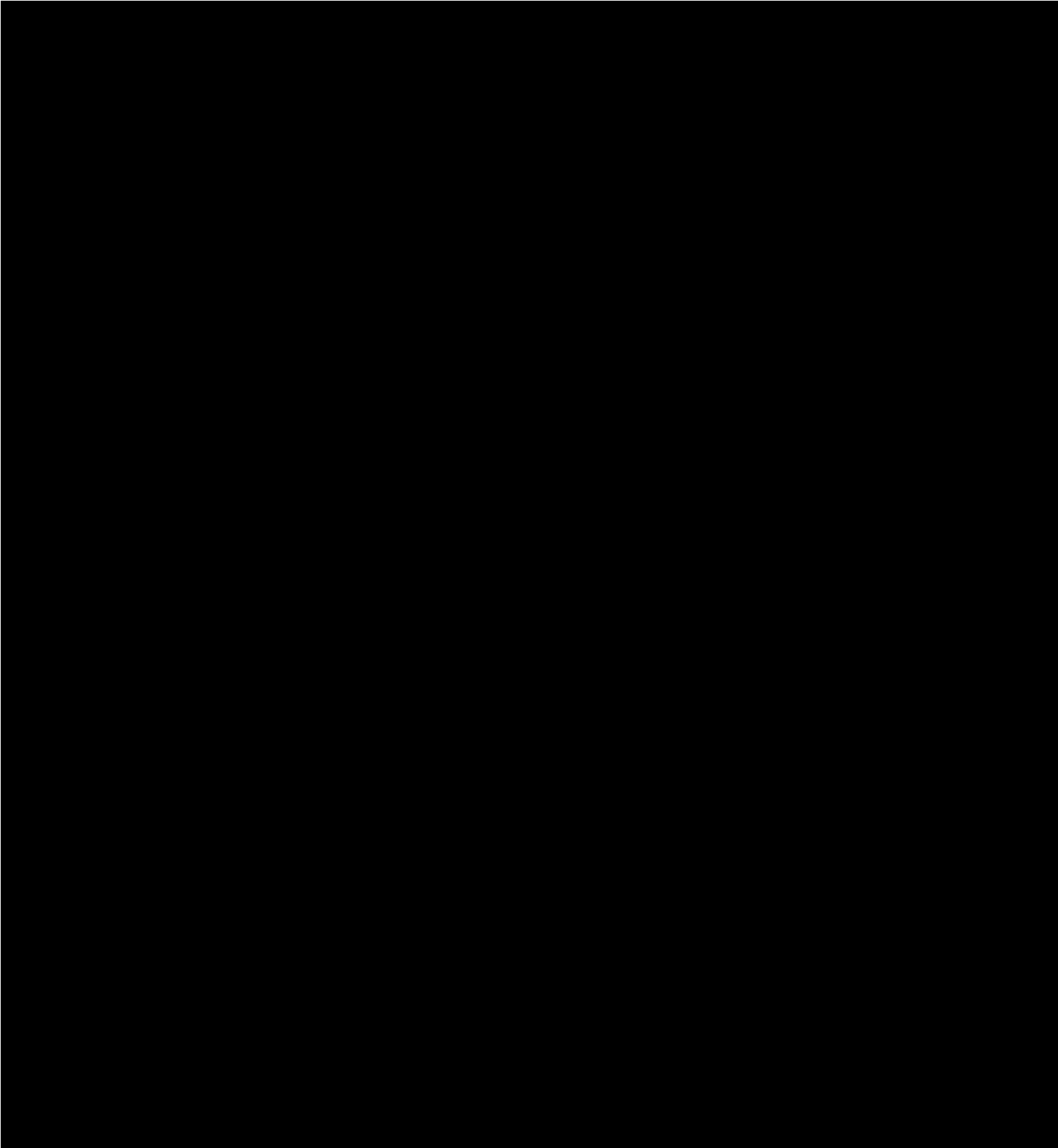


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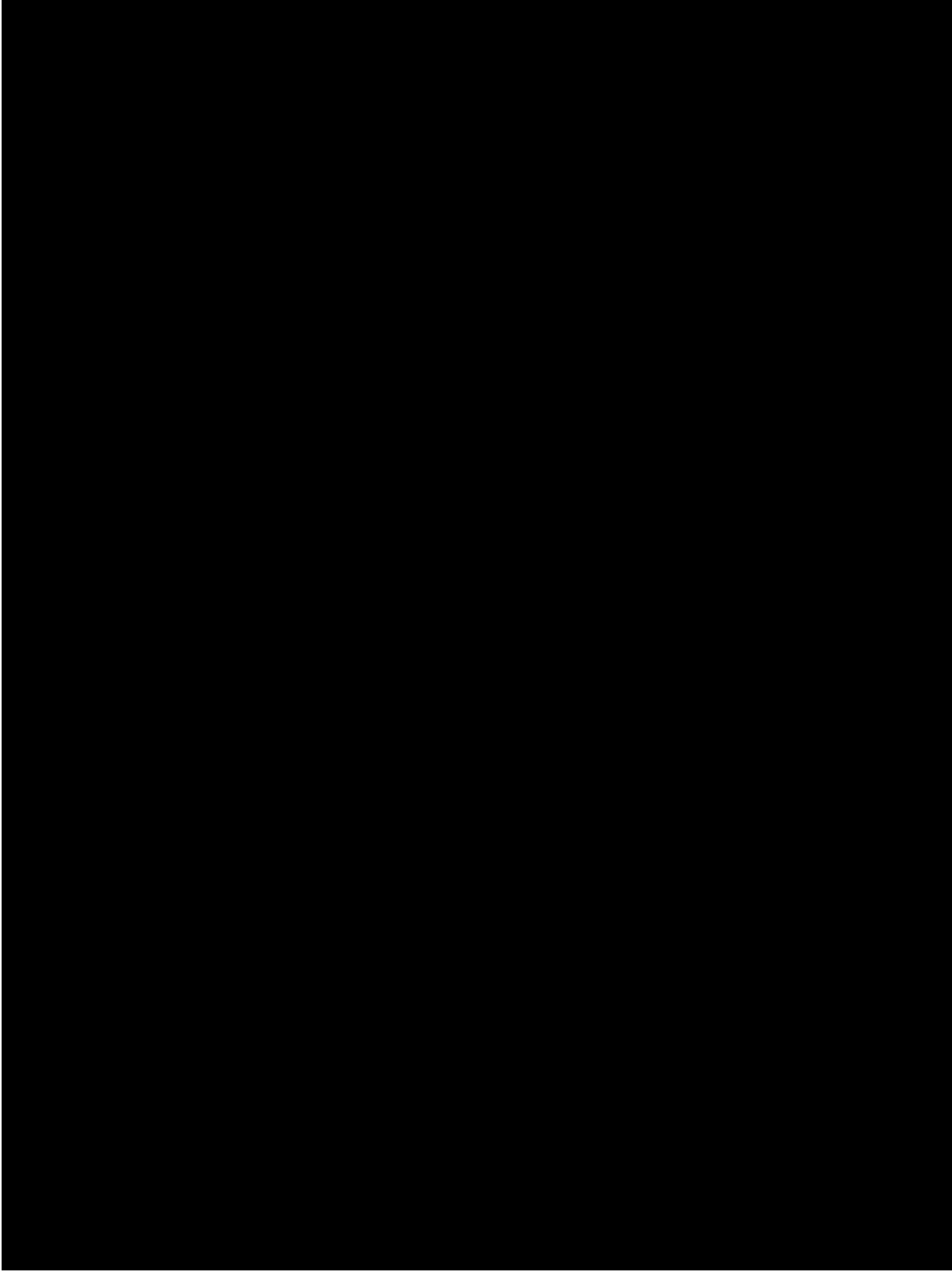
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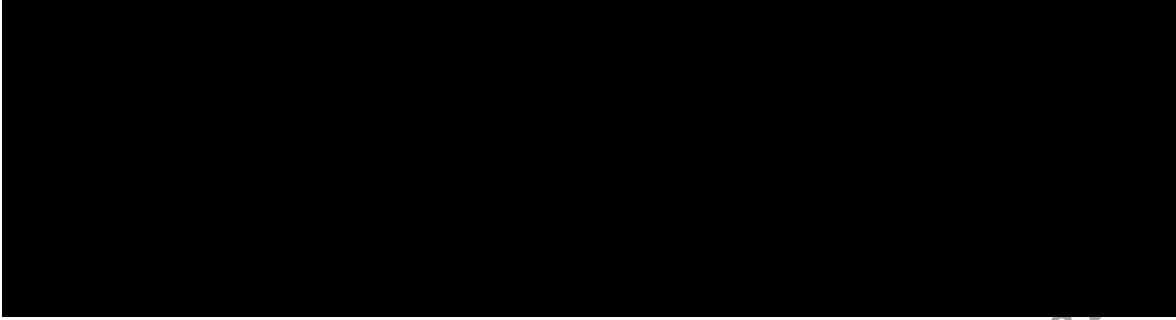


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