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**RURAL LANDS PROTECTION (NOXIOUS ANIMALS)
AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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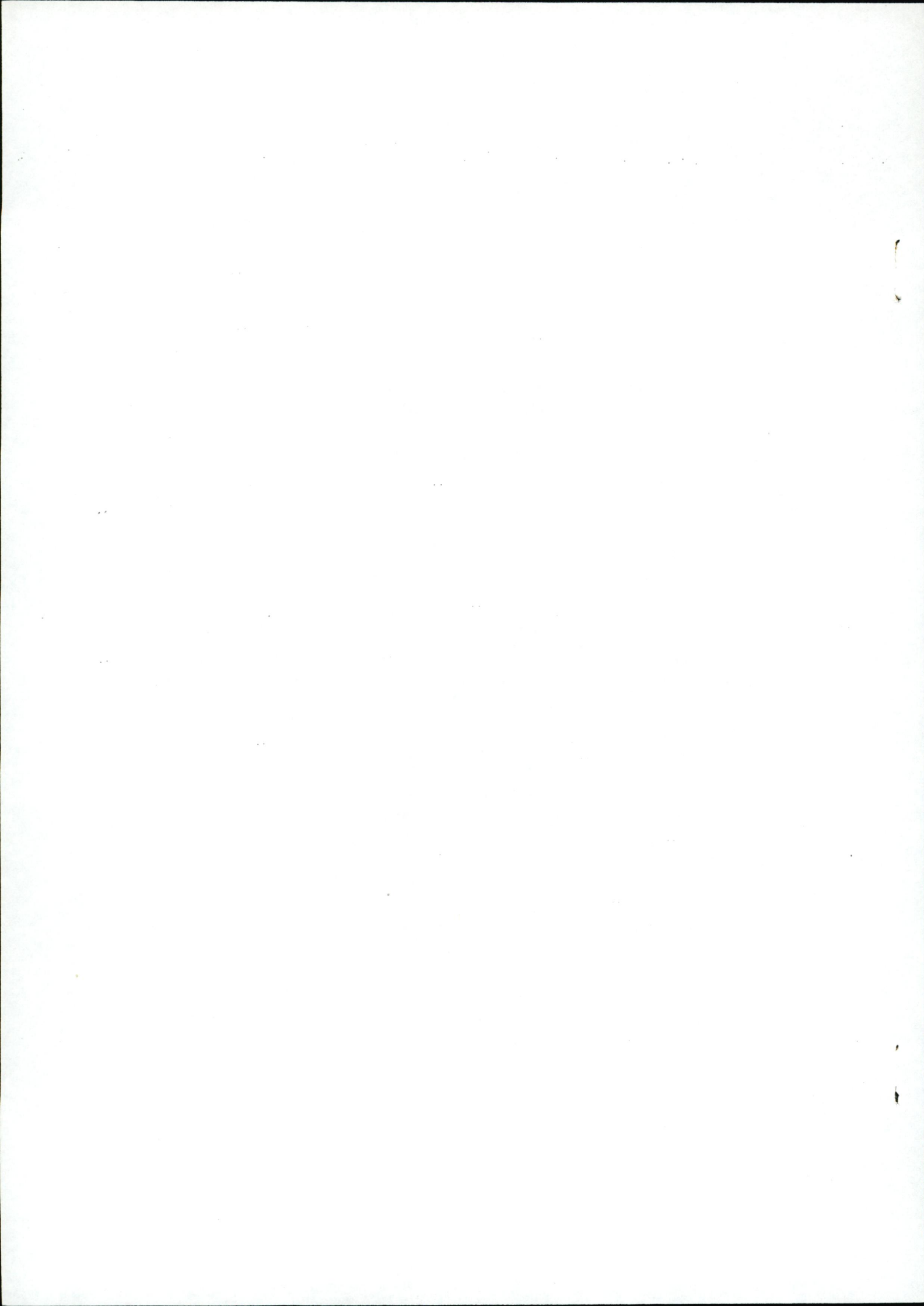
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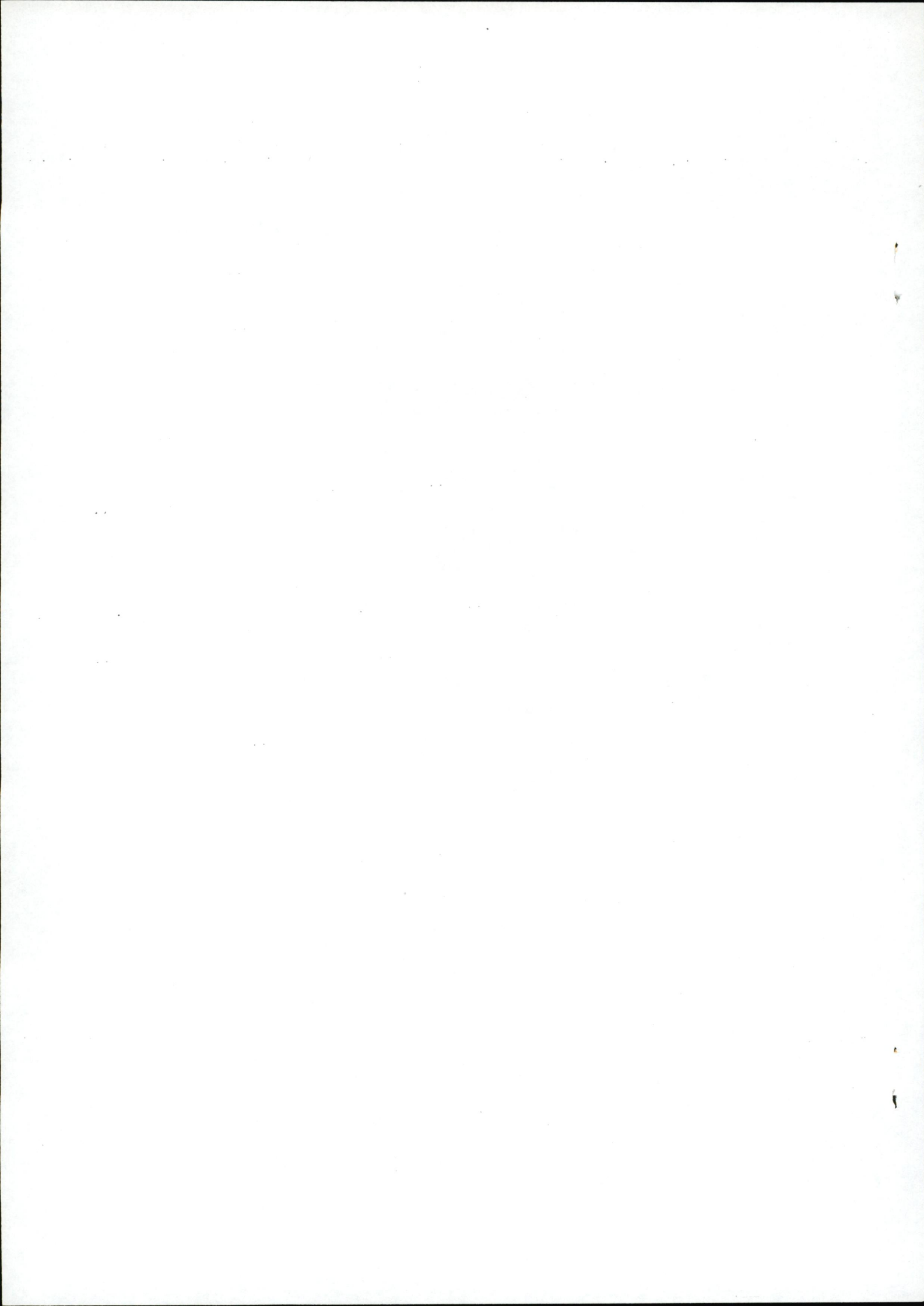
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Rural Lands Protection (Noxious Animals) Amendment 1993

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Rural Lands Protection (Noxious Animals) Amendment Act 1993.

5. Commencement

2. This Act commences 3 months after the date of assent.

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(Sec. 3)

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After section 126, insert:

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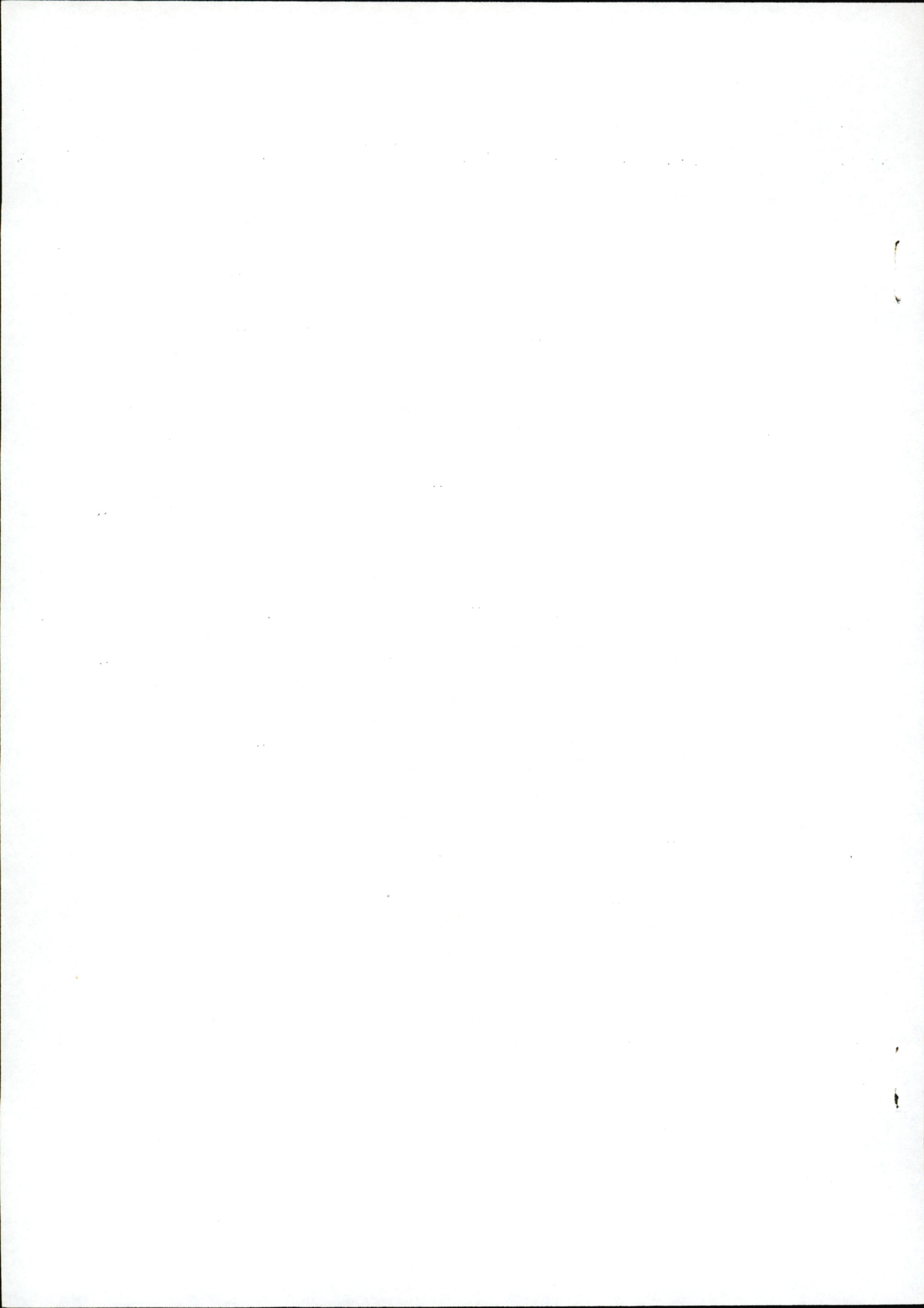
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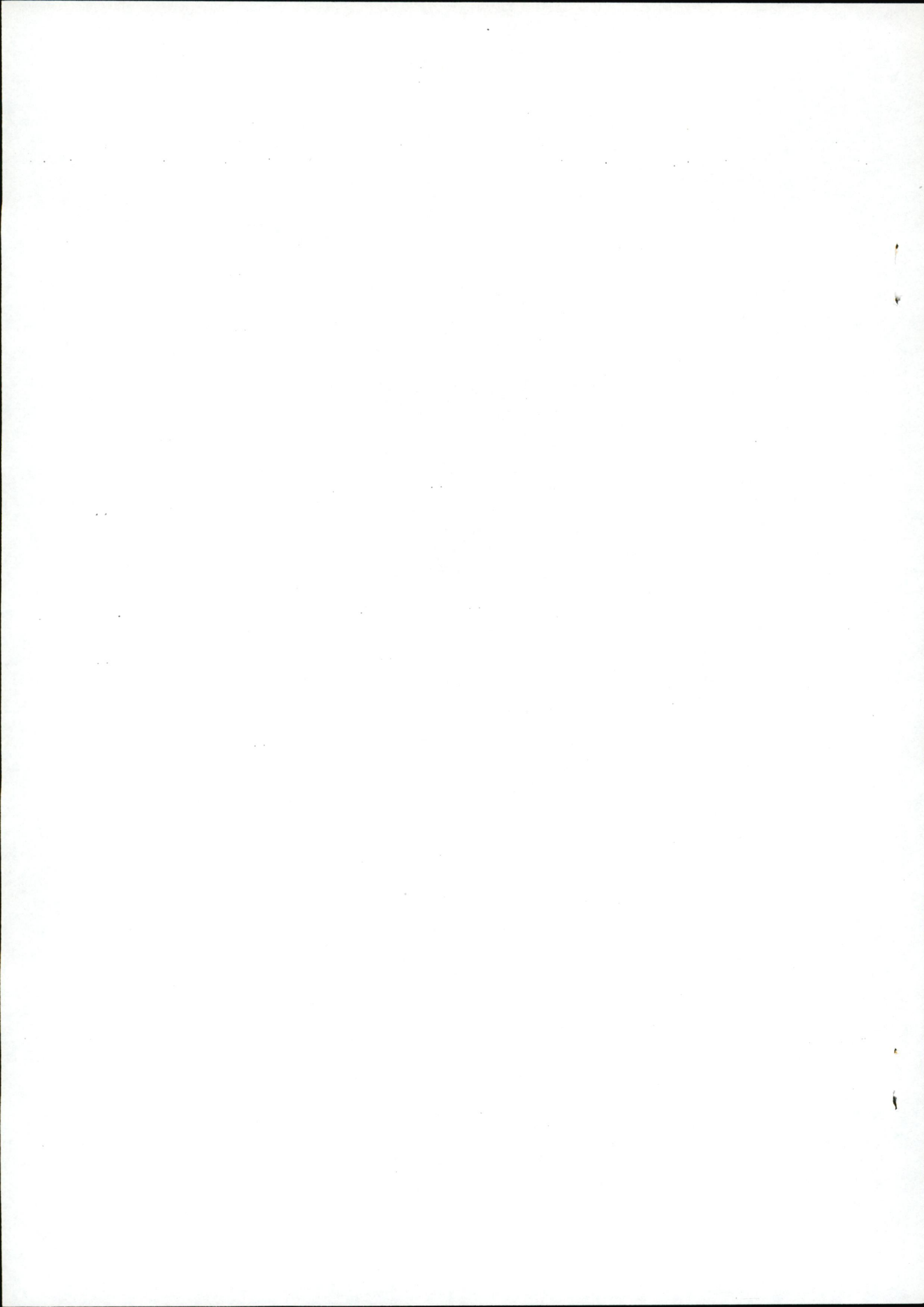
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