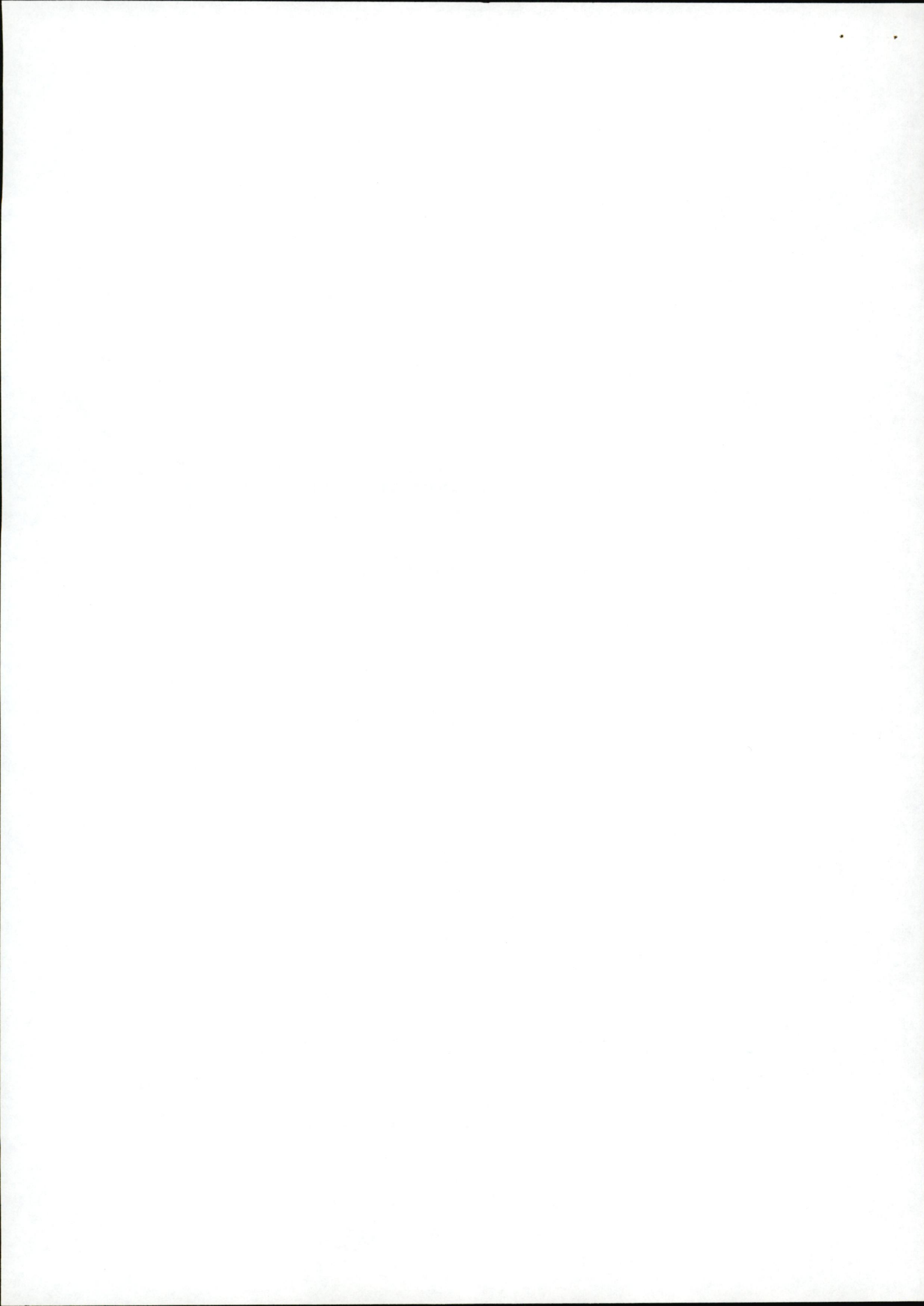


STATE ROADS (TOLL WORKS) AMENDMENT BILL 1992

SECOND READING SPEECH

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
APRIL 1992**

**THE HON R WEBSTER
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR ENERGY**



MR PRESIDENT,

**I MOVE THAT LEAVE BE GIVEN TO BRING IN A BILL FOR
AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 46 OF THE STATE ROADS
ACT 1986 IN RELATION TO THE DECLARATION OF TOLL
WORKS.**

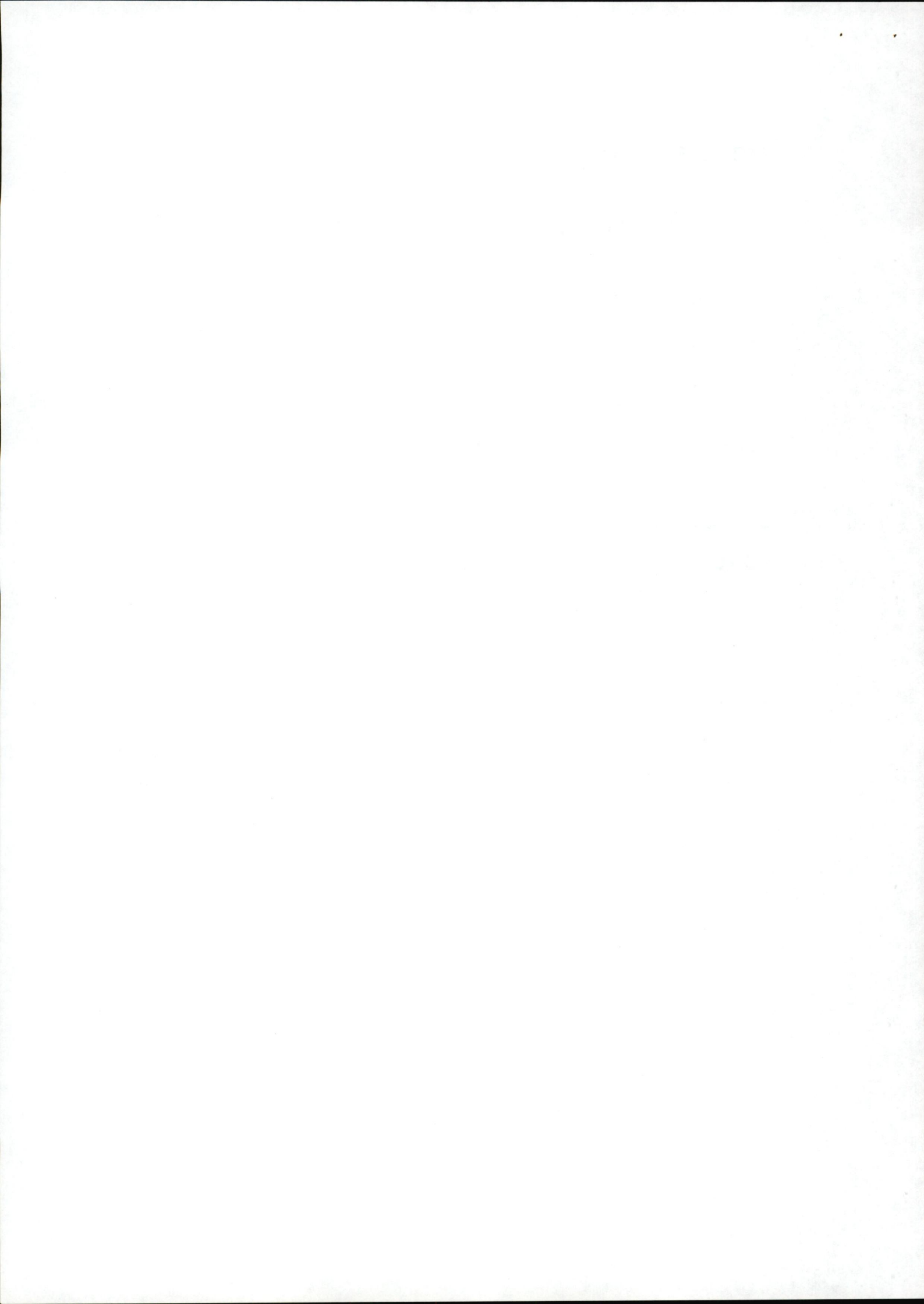
(PRESIDENT MOVES TO GRANT LEAVE)

(ONCE LEAVE IS GRANTED.....)

MR PRESIDENT,

I BRING UP THE BILL

(hand to clerk)



MR PRESIDENT,

I MOVE THAT THIS BILL BE NOW READ A SECOND TIME.

MR PRESIDENT, THE BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE CONTAINS ONLY ONE MEASURE.

THIS ADDRESSES THE MINISTER'S POWER UNDER THE STATE ROADS ACT 1986 TO DECLARE A WORK TO BE A TOLL WORK.

PRESENTLY THE ACT PROVIDES THAT THE MINISTER MAY DECLARE A TOLL WORK WITHIN SYDNEY, NEWCASTLE OR WOLLONGONG, BETWEEN SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE, OR BETWEEN SYDNEY AND WOLLONGONG.

THIS MEASURE WILL ENABLE THE MINISTER ALSO TO DECLARE TOLL WORKS OUTSIDE THOSE AREAS.

MR PRESIDENT, IN SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF HONOURABLE MEMBERS FOR THIS BILL, THE GOVERNMENT READILY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW THE REASONS WHY THE GOVERNMENT IS BRINGING FORWARD THIS LEGISLATION NOW.

I AM MORE THAN HAPPY TO PUT THOSE REASONS BEFORE THE HOUSE.

IN RECENT YEARS MUCH HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY, WITH ITS NOTORIOUSLY BAD ACCIDENT RECORD AND SUBSTANDARD SECTIONS.

ITS FUTURE IS A MATTER OF MAJOR CONCERN TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. ITS DESPERATE NEEDS ARE RECOGNISED BY POLITICIANS OF ALL PARTIES.

THE HIGHWAY SERVICES THE FASTEST GROWING AREA IN THIS STATE. IT IS AN AREA OF IMMENSE ECONOMIC AND TOURIST POTENTIAL.

MR PRESIDENT, THIS GOVERNMENT IS READY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY PROBLEM.

IT BELIEVES THAT THE IDEAL SOLUTION IS TO BUILD SIGNIFICANT LENGTHS OF DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CARRYING OUT THE MINIMUM WORK NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN SAFE DRIVING CONDITIONS ON THE REST OF THE HIGHWAY.

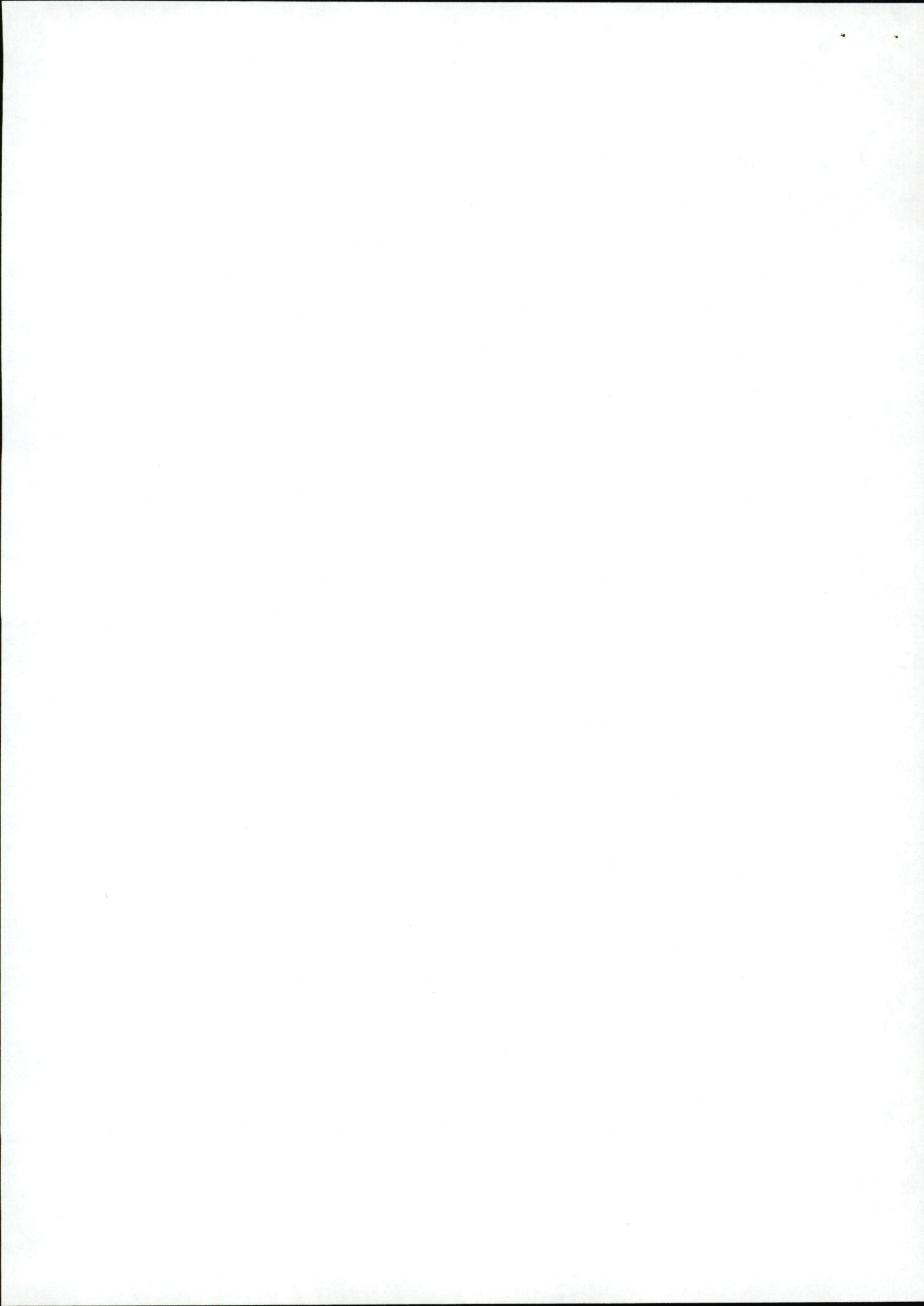
HOWEVER, THE FACT IS, MR PRESIDENT, IF THE JOB IS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE YEAR 2030, THIS SOLUTION REQUIRES FAR MORE MONEY THAN IS AVAILABLE FROM STATE SOURCES ALONE, OR FROM STATE SOURCES TOGETHER WITH THE RELATIVELY MEAGRE SUPPLEMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH GOES INTO THE HIGHWAY NOW.

IN ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THIS FUNDING PROBLEM MR PRESIDENT, LAST YEAR THE GOVERNMENT SOUGHT OUTLINE PROPOSALS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF DUAL-CARRIAGEWAYS ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST CORRIDOR.

AS A RESULT OF THE RESPONSE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM AS A JOINT EFFORT WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

IT IS CLEAR, THAT FOR THIS STRATEGY, TO BE EFFECTIVE, IT WILL NECESSARILY INVOLVE TOLLROADS. THE GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT, BY DOING THIS, THE ROAD CAN BE COMPLETED BY THE YEAR 2000.

MR PRESIDENT, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ACT NOW ON THE PROJECT. THE TIME IS RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT THIS VITAL ROAD, WHICH THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE URGENTLY NEED.



THE PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT ECONOMIC STATEMENT SHOWS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS AT LAST EMBRACED THE CONCEPT OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AS A MEANS OF BOOSTING INVESTMENT, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CREATING JOBS.

I AM ASKING THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN THIS STATE TO FOLLOW THAT LEAD.

MR PRESIDENT, THE MEASURE BEFORE THE HOUSE IS ONLY A FIRST STEP IN PROGRESSING THIS EXCITING PROJECT. IT IS, HOWEVER AN ESSENTIAL ONE.

IF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IS TO INVEST SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF INSTITUTIONAL FINANCE IN THE PROJECT, IT MUST BE GIVEN EARLY INDICATION OF SUPPORT BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THIS STATE.

THE GOVERNMENT MUST AT LEAST BE GIVEN THE STATUTORY POWER BY THE LEGISLATURE TO PERMIT TOLLROADS IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE.

MR PRESIDENT, I AM CONFIDENT THAT MEMBERS OF THIS HOUSE WILL OFFER SUPPORT TO THE MEASURE CONTAINED IN THE BILL.

I COMMEND THE BILL TO THE HOUSE.

STATE ROADS (TOLL WORKS) AMENDMENT ACT 1992
No. 42

NEW SOUTH WALES



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Act No. 42, 1992

An Act to amend section 46 of the State Roads Act 1986 in relation to the declaration of toll works. [Assented to 19 May 1992]

State Roads (Toll Works) Amendment Act 1992 No. 42

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

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Commencement

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

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[Minister's second reading speech made in—
Legislative Assembly on ~~5 March 1992~~ 9 April 1992
Legislative Council on 6 May 1992]

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The object of this Bill is to amend section 46 of the State Roads Act 1986. Currently, that section provides that, on the recommendation of the Roads and Traffic Authority, the Minister for Roads may declare any work designed to facilitate the movement of motor traffic within Sydney, Newcastle or Wollongong, between Sydney and Newcastle or between Sydney and Wollongong to be a toll work. The proposed amendment will enable toll works to be declared in areas anywhere in the State.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the proposed Act to commence on the date of assent.

Clause 3 amends section 46 of the State Roads Act 1986 in the manner described above.

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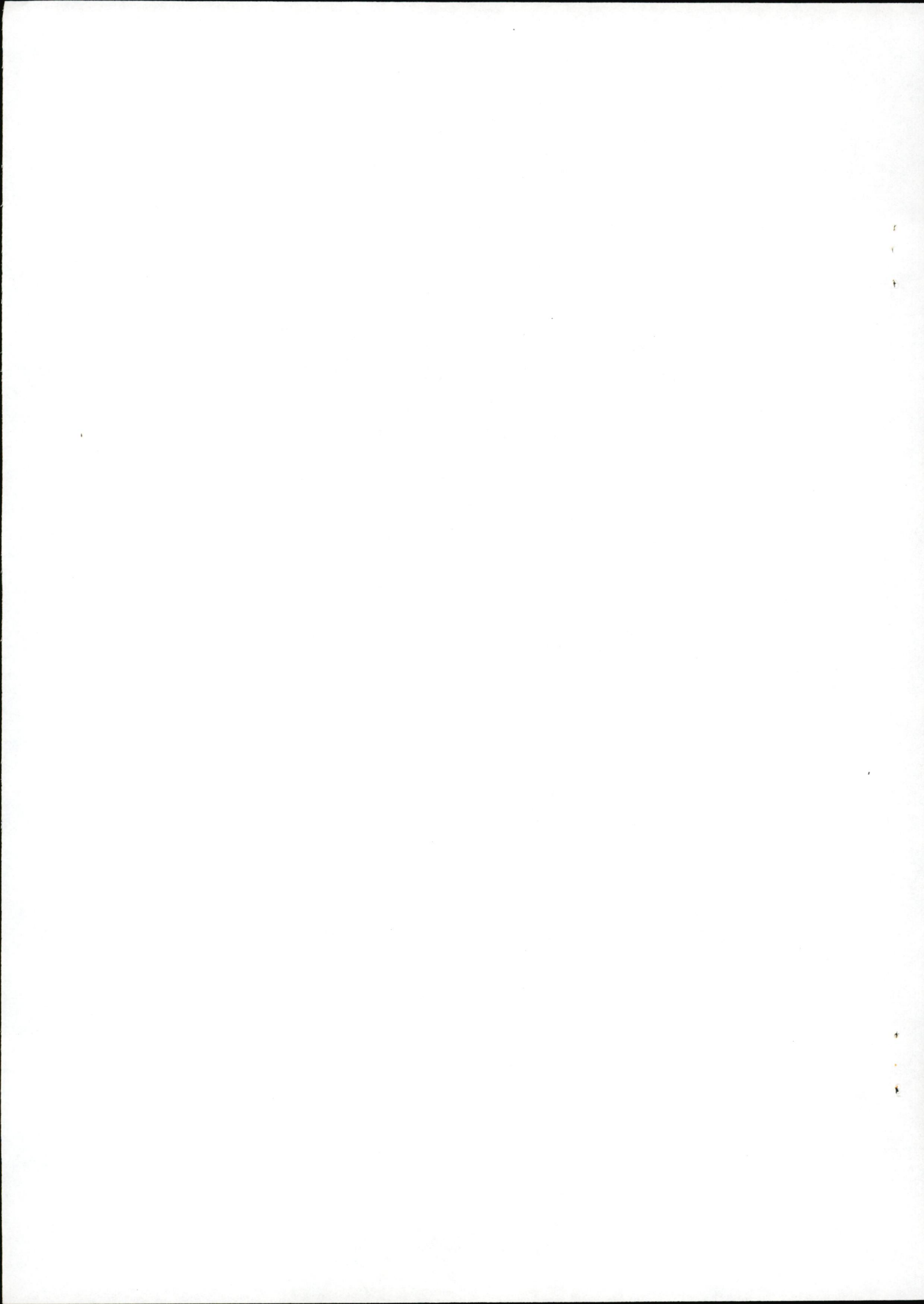
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