



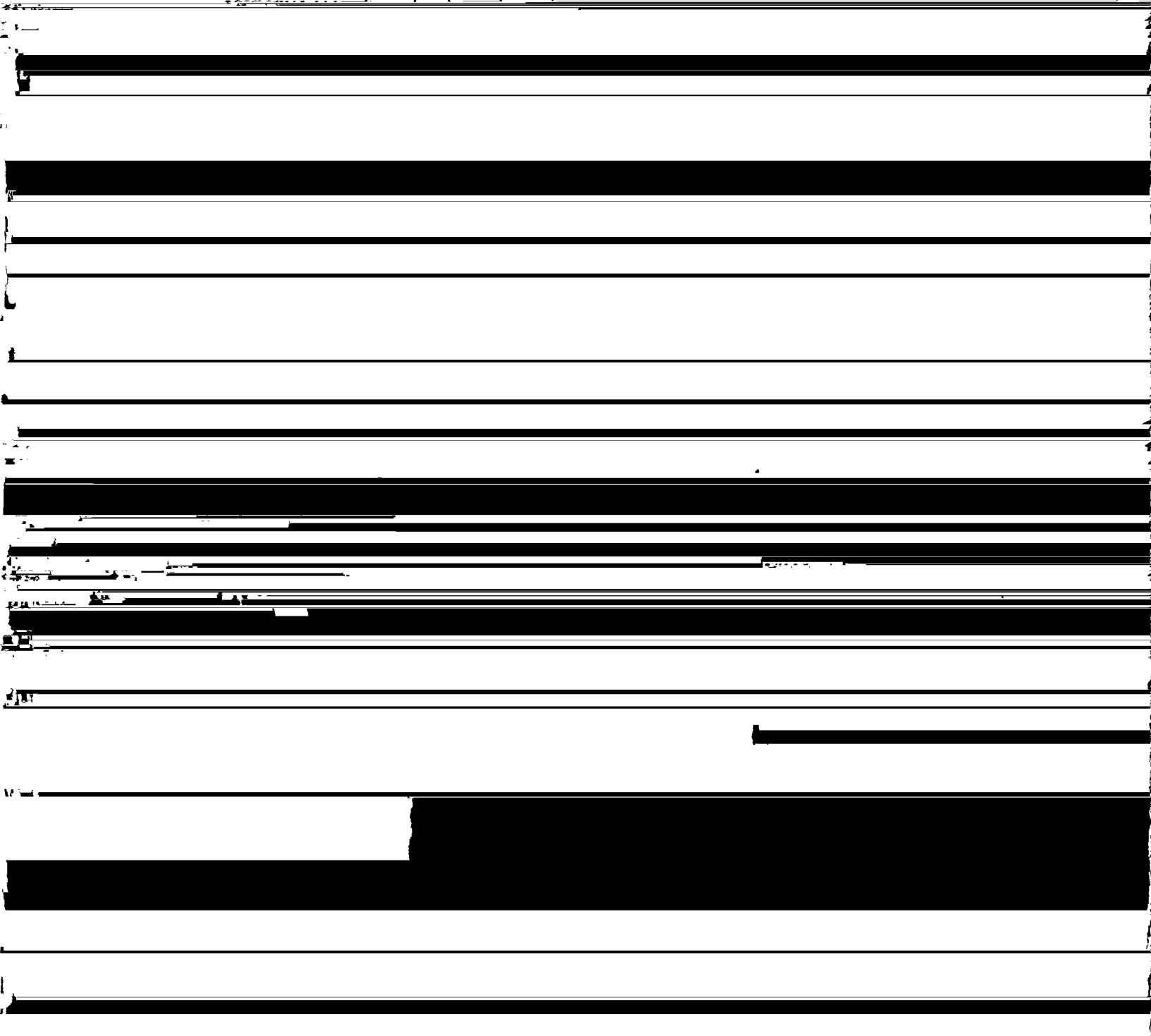
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9. Australia is pursuing three key priority areas for advancing gender equality:
- a. improving women's economic outcomes and financial independence;
 - b. ensuring women's voices are heard at all levels of decision-making; and,
 - c. reducing violence against women.

Economic outcomes

10. Helping women and men to more equally share care is an important part of achieving



21. The Government also holds events such as the recent *National Rural Women's Summit* to consult with particular groups on specific issues.

Violence against women

22. *[Redacted]*

23. Reducing violence is essential to achieving greater gender equality.

24. Australia is working to reduce both the impact and incidence of violence against women, including through the development of a *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women*

Conclusion

24 In concluding I would like to recall the words of _____

Jessie Street.

35. Jessie Street campaigned for the inclusion of women's rights in the Covenant of the League of Nations and later in the Charter of the United Nations.

36. The work of Jessie Street so many years ago serves as a reminder of what we can achieve by working together, both within our countries and through international cooperation, and the importance of the inheritance we leave for our daughters and granddaughters.

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