

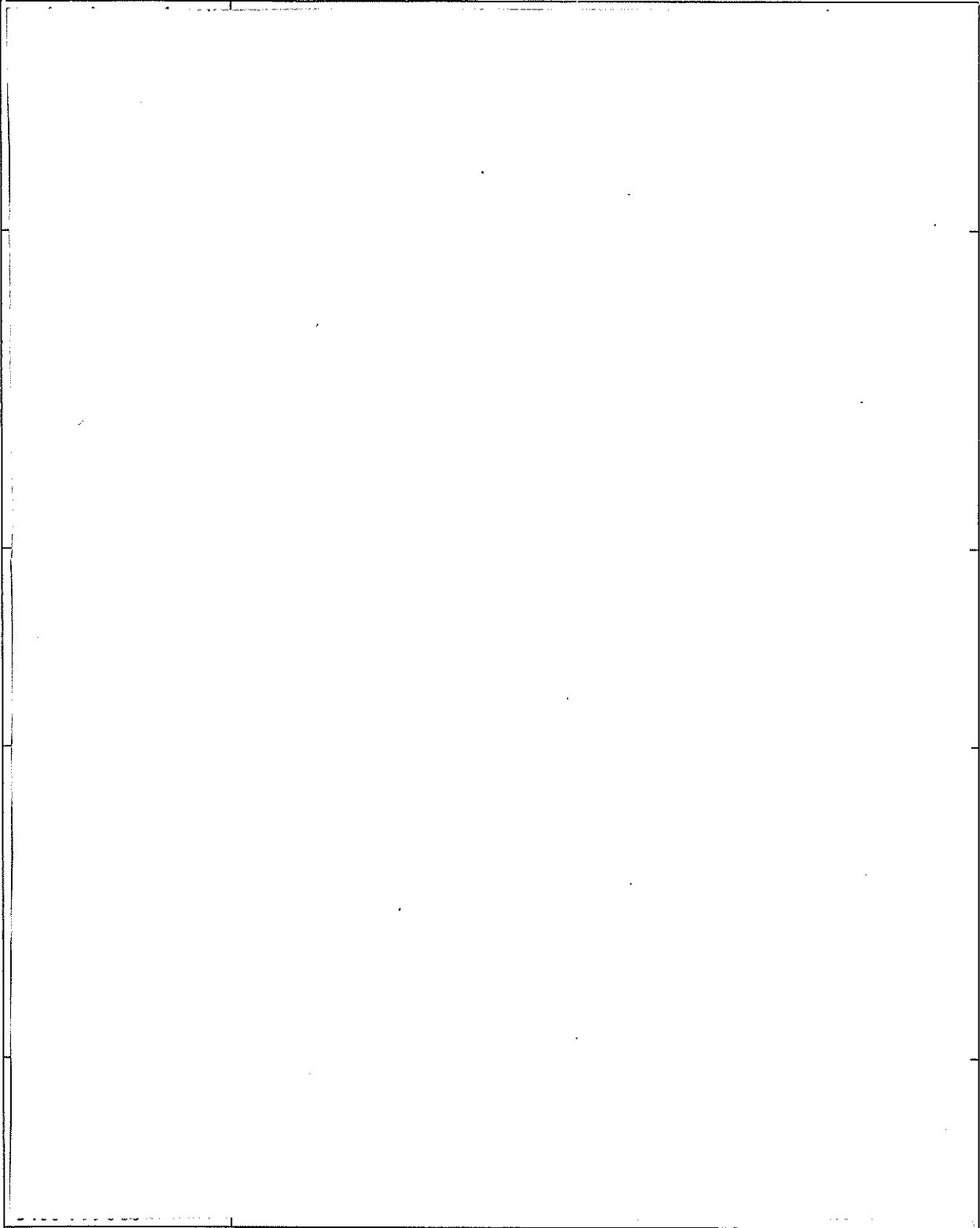
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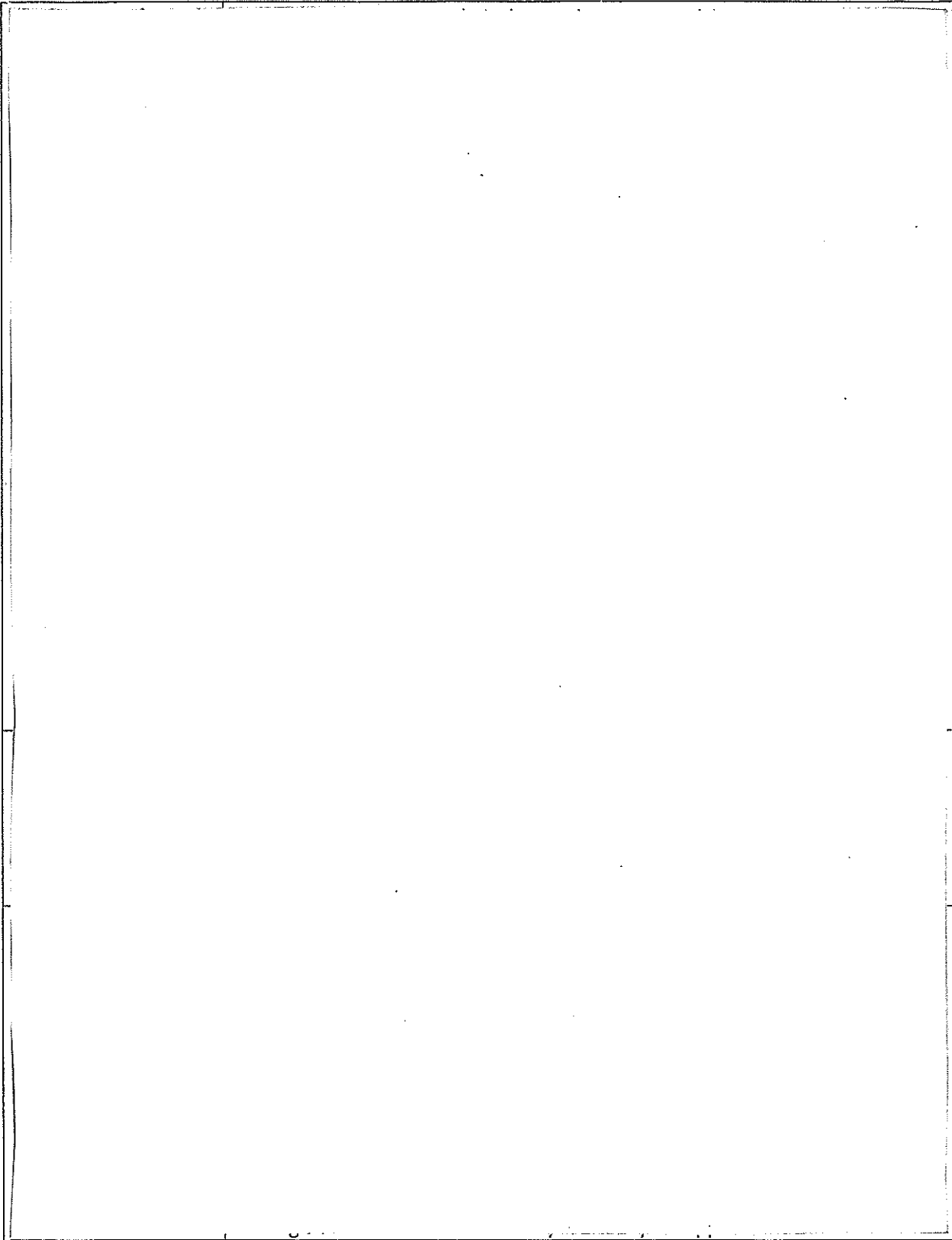
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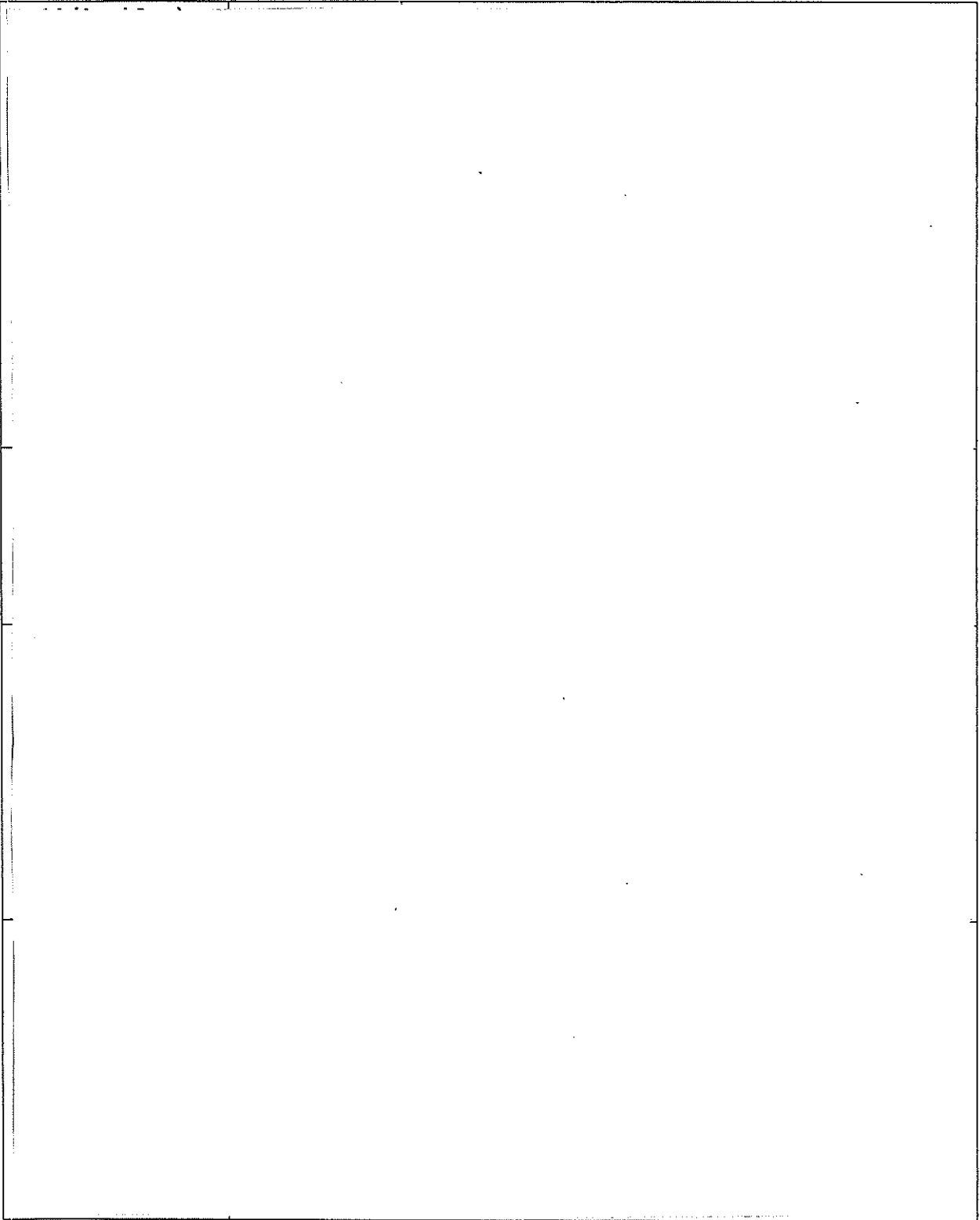
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<p>Meeting of the Advisory Committees on Medicines and Chemicals Scheduling – consideration of alkyl nitrites</p> <p>Gillian Mitchell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed scheduling of alkyl nitrites was further discussed by the Advisory Committees on Medicines Scheduling and Chemicals Scheduling on 8 November.• In view of the complex issues affecting the use of these products by the Australian community (particularly LGBTI groups) a range of external experts provided advice at the meeting, including in the fields of ophthalmology, sexual health medicine and poisons information and toxicology.• On 12 November the Sydney Federal Electorate Council of the Australian Labor Party emailed TGA to advise that a motion had been carried at their most recent meeting stating: “That Federal Labor oppose any change to the scheduling of Amyl Nitrite in the National Poisons Standard and allow Labor Members of Parliament to speak out against the change in scheduling”.• The TGA delegate’s final decision will be announced on 29 November 2018. It may confirm, vary or set aside the interim decision and will consider submissions received as well as additional expert advice.

