

Briefing: RMA Amendment bill 2 – Initial advice on proposed amendments and legislative process

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Actions sought from Ministers		
<i>Name and position</i>	<i>Action sought</i>	<i>Response by</i>
To Hon Chris BISHOP Minister Responsible for RMA Reform	Read and sign the briefing.	10 April 2024

Actions for Minister's office staff

Return the signed briefing to the Ministry for the Environment (rm.reform@mfe.govt.nz) and (ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Appendices and attachments

1. Summary of proposals received to amend the RMA and its national direction from Ministers and agencies
2. Options/approach to introduce RM bill 2

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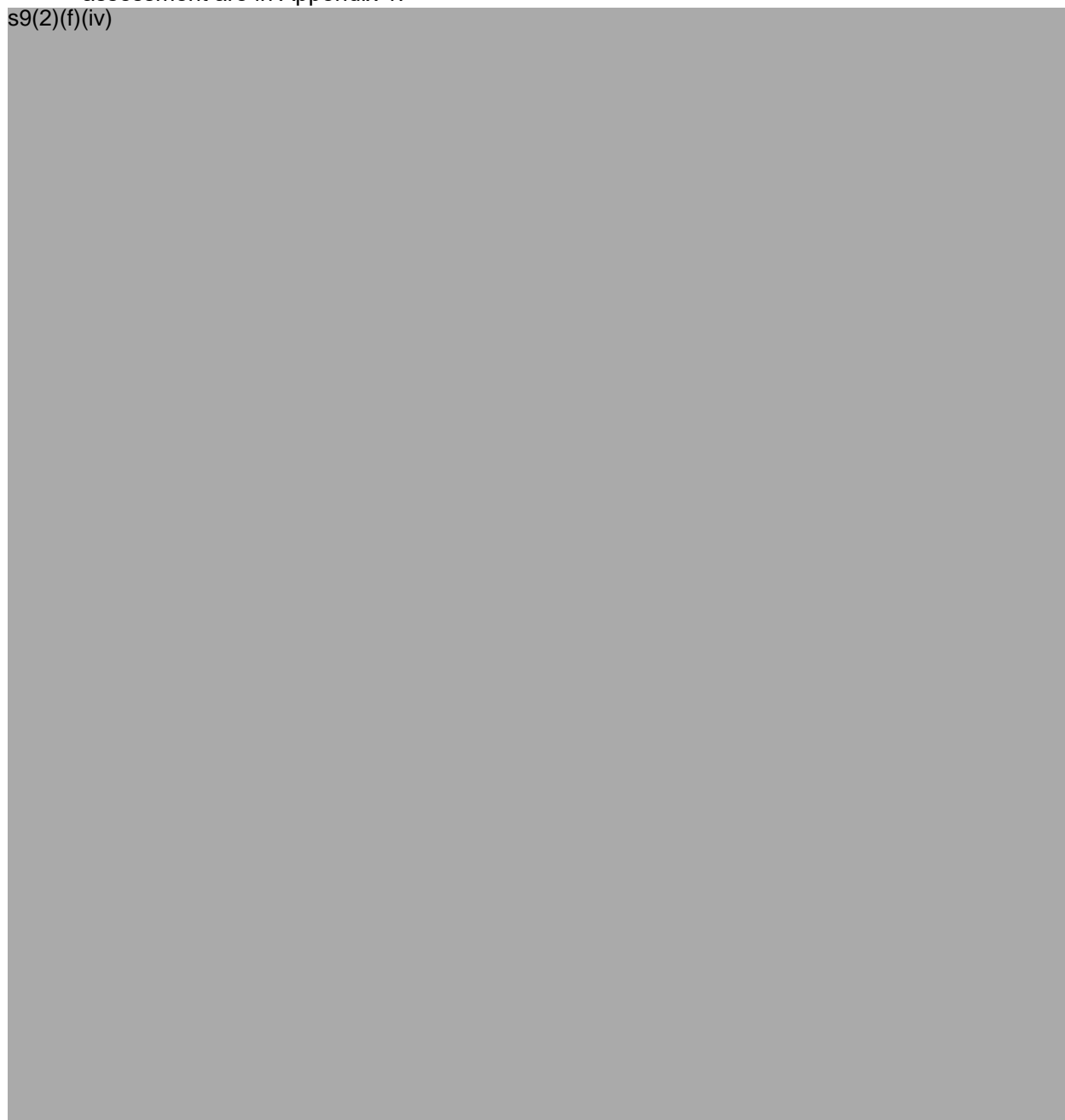
Minister's comments

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Key messages

1. You have received a wide range of proposals to amend the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and its national direction from ministerial agencies and ministers.
2. Ministry for the Environment (MfE) officials have undertaken an initial assessment of these suggestions against three criteria: s9(2)(f)(iv) The full list and assessment are in Appendix 1.


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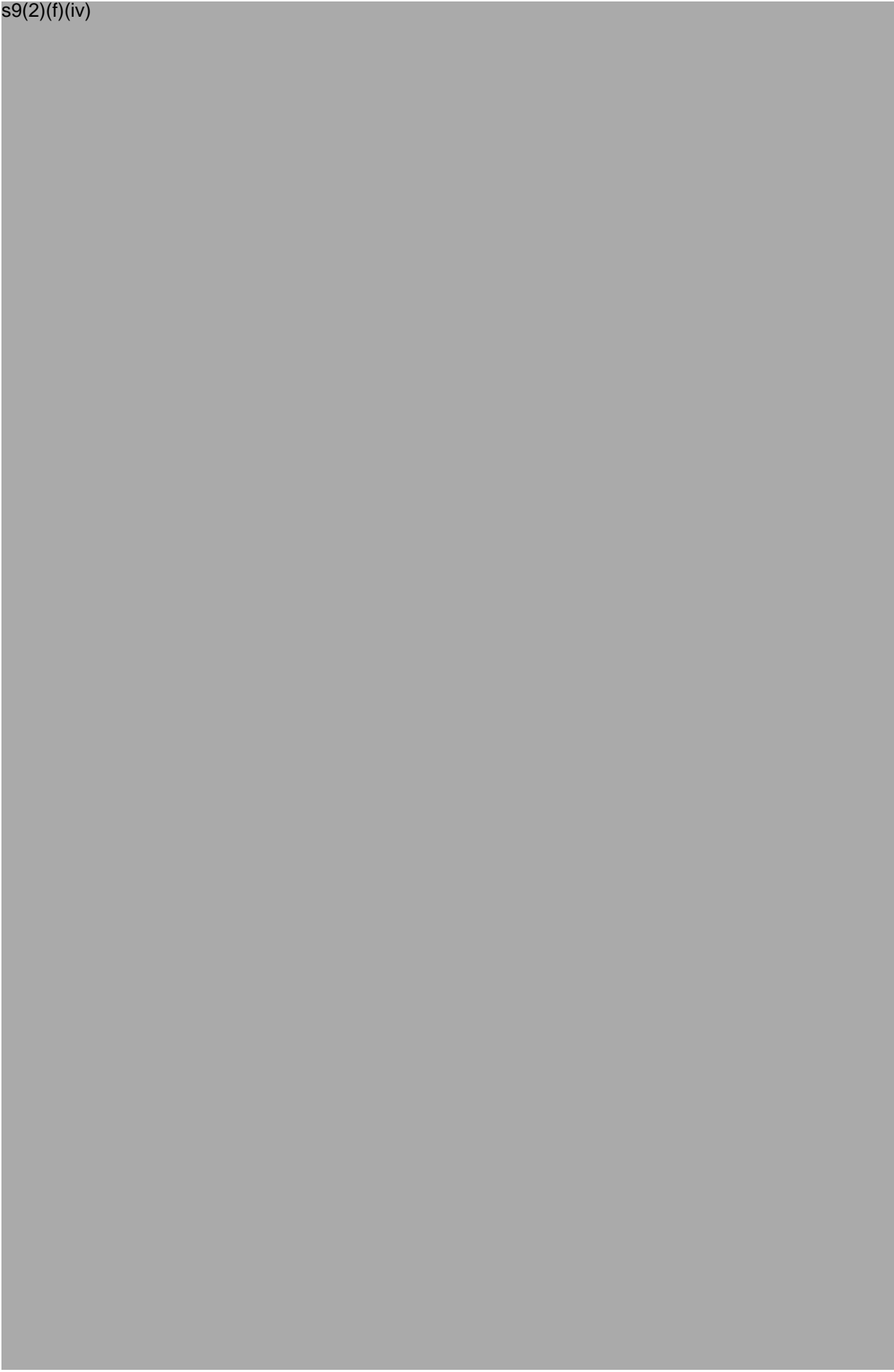
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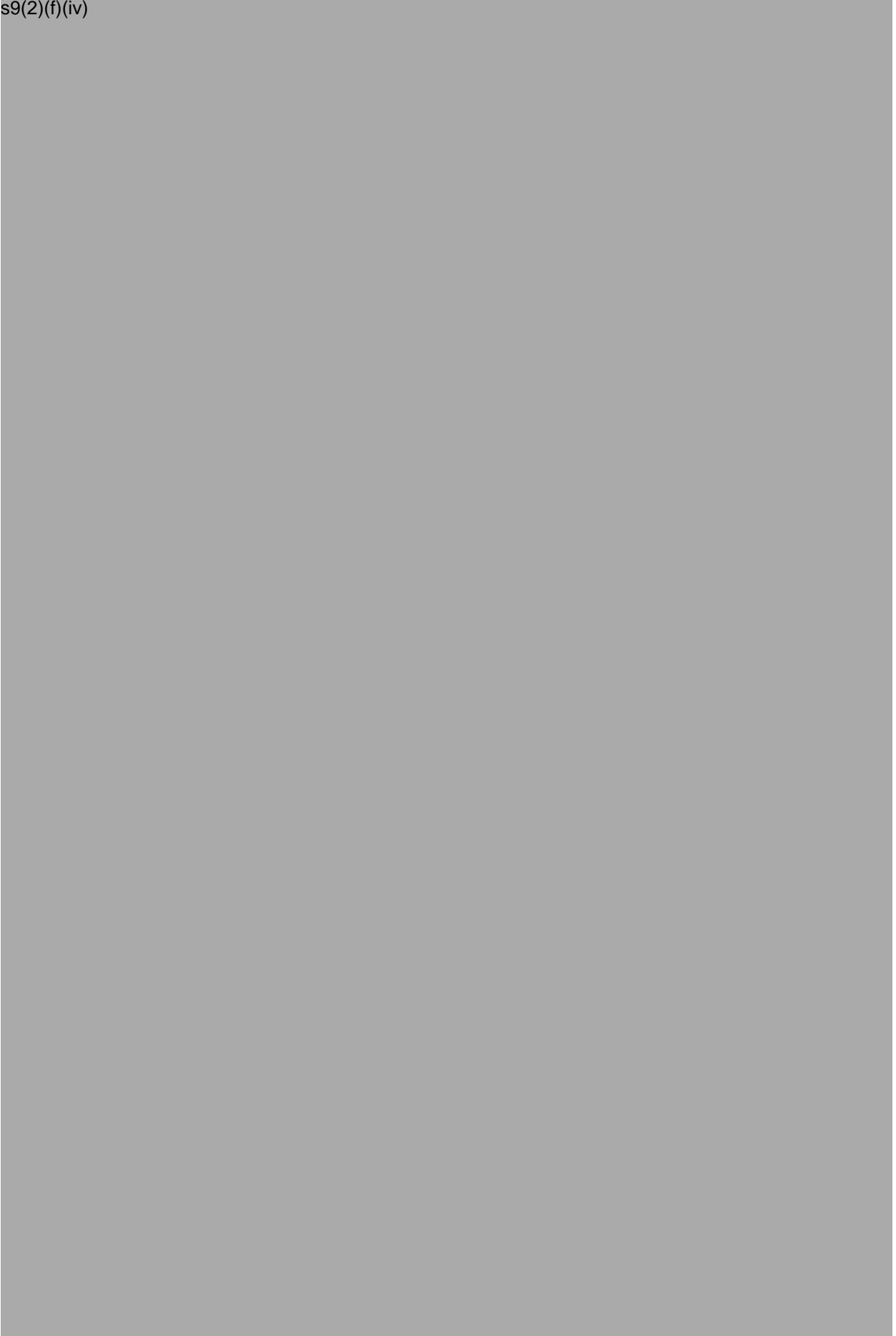
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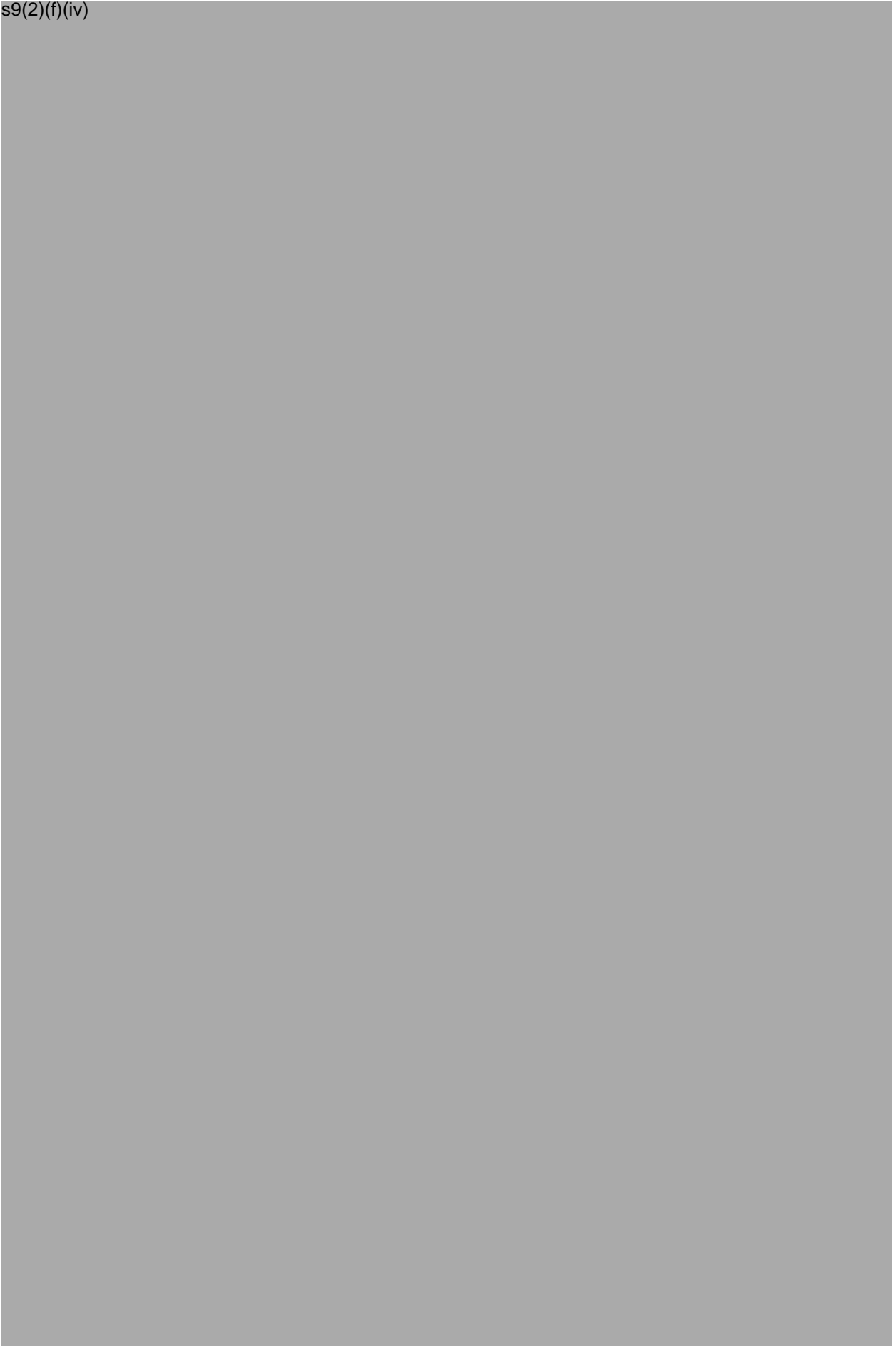
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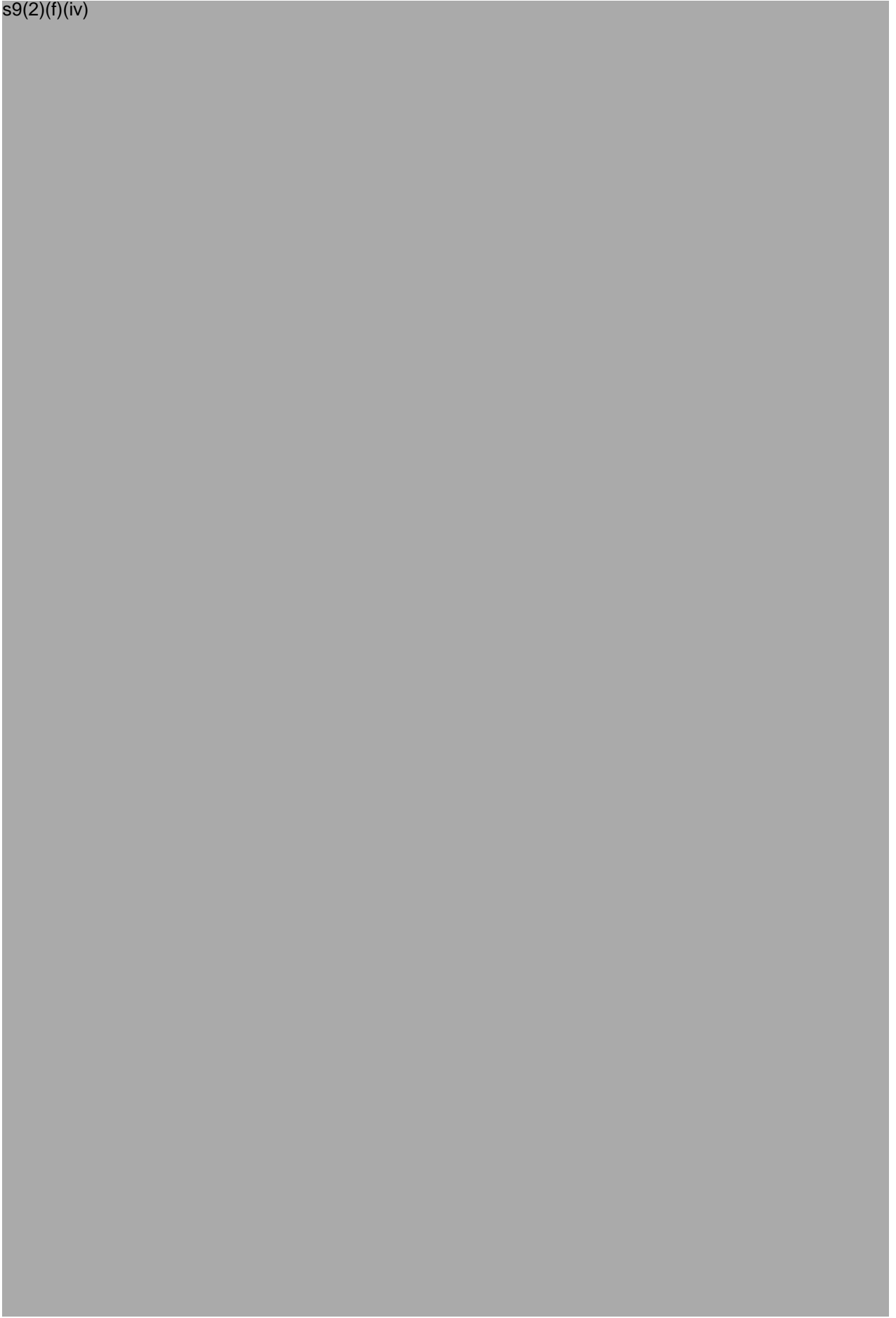
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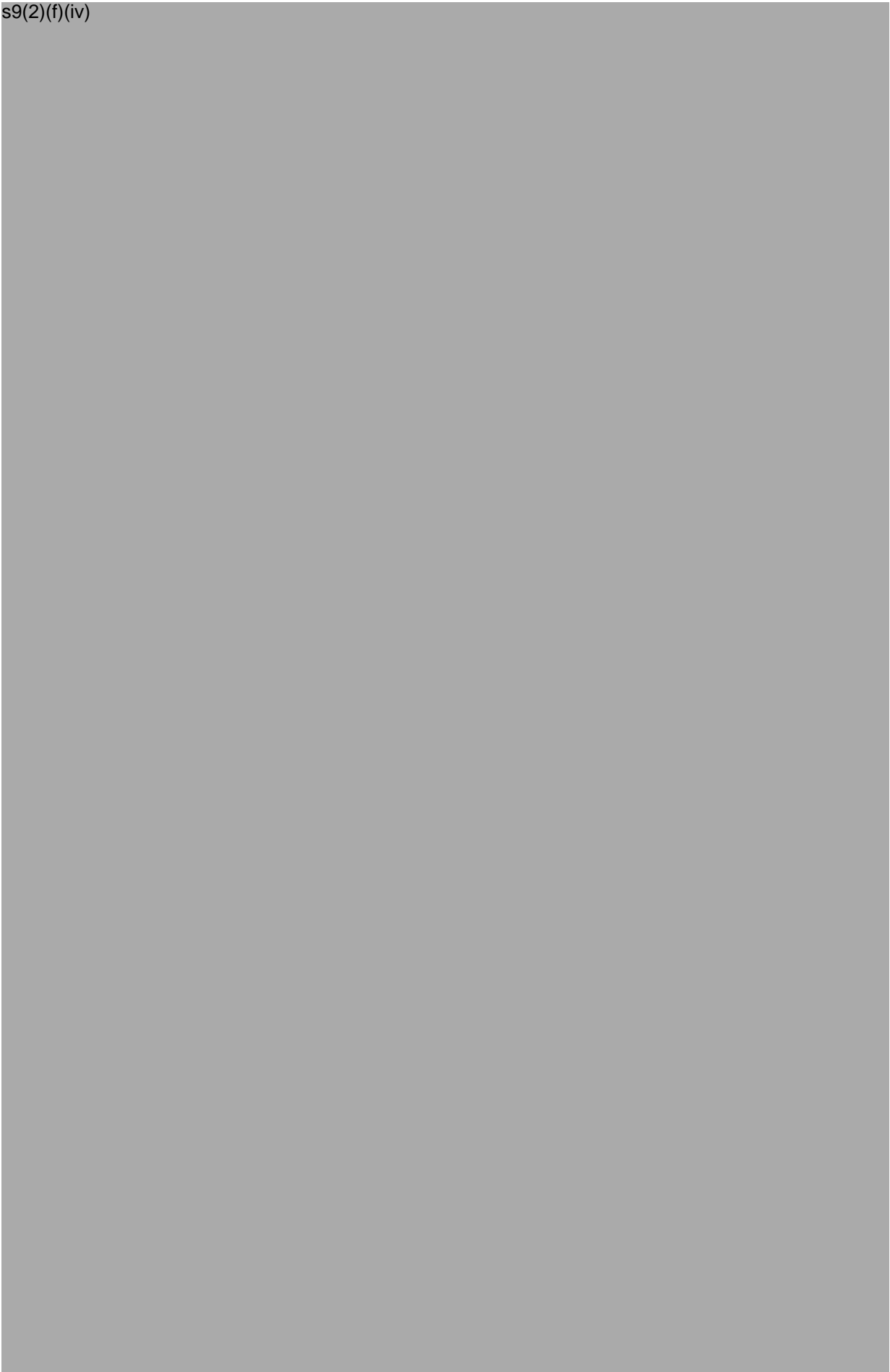
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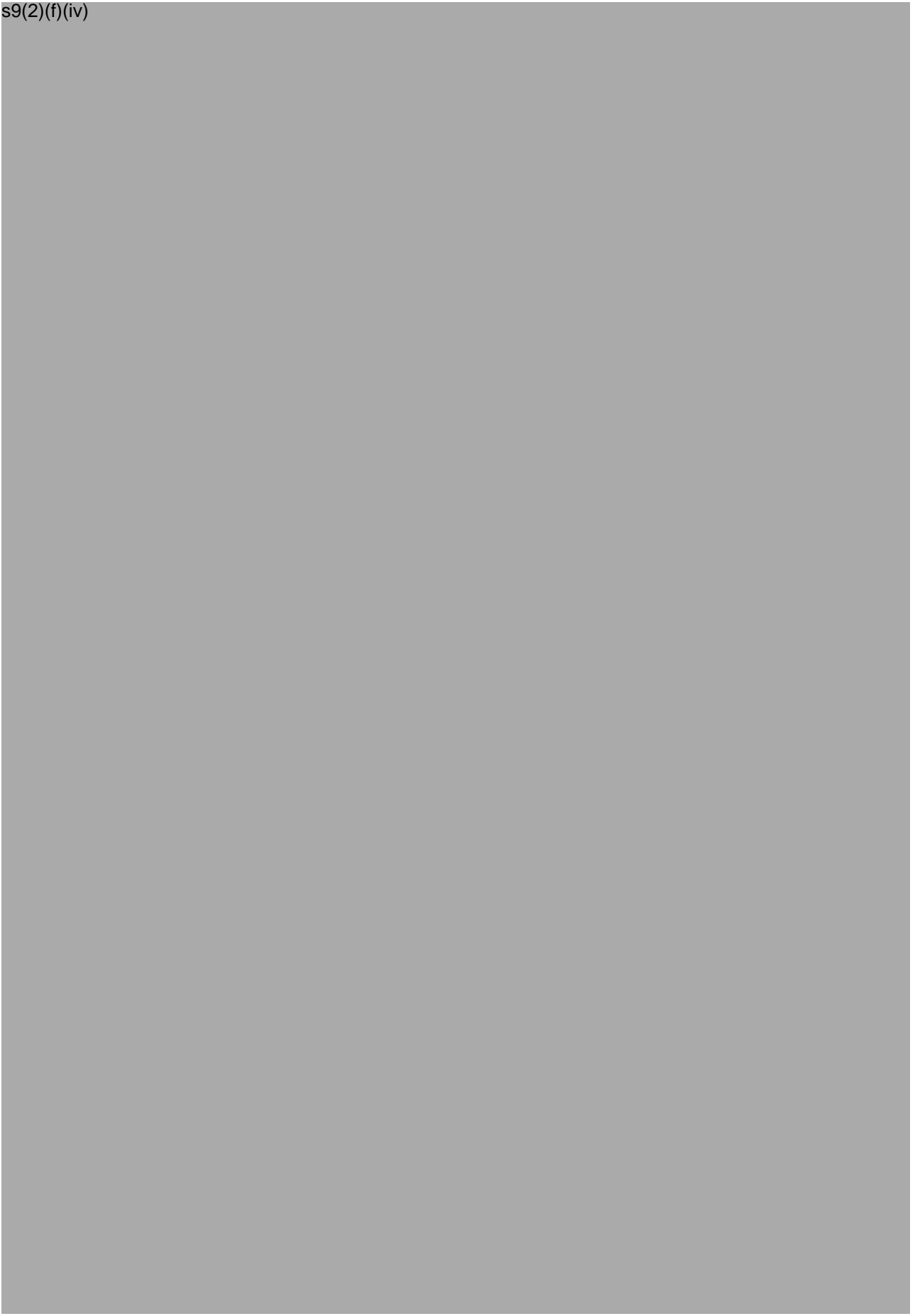
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Appendix 1: Summary of proposals received to amend the RMA and its national direction from Ministers and agencies

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Policy Domain		Proposal
National Direction	s9(2)(f)(iv)	37. Streamline the process of making national direction (ie, reducing reporting requirements or other procedural matters) and making technical amendments to existing national direction.
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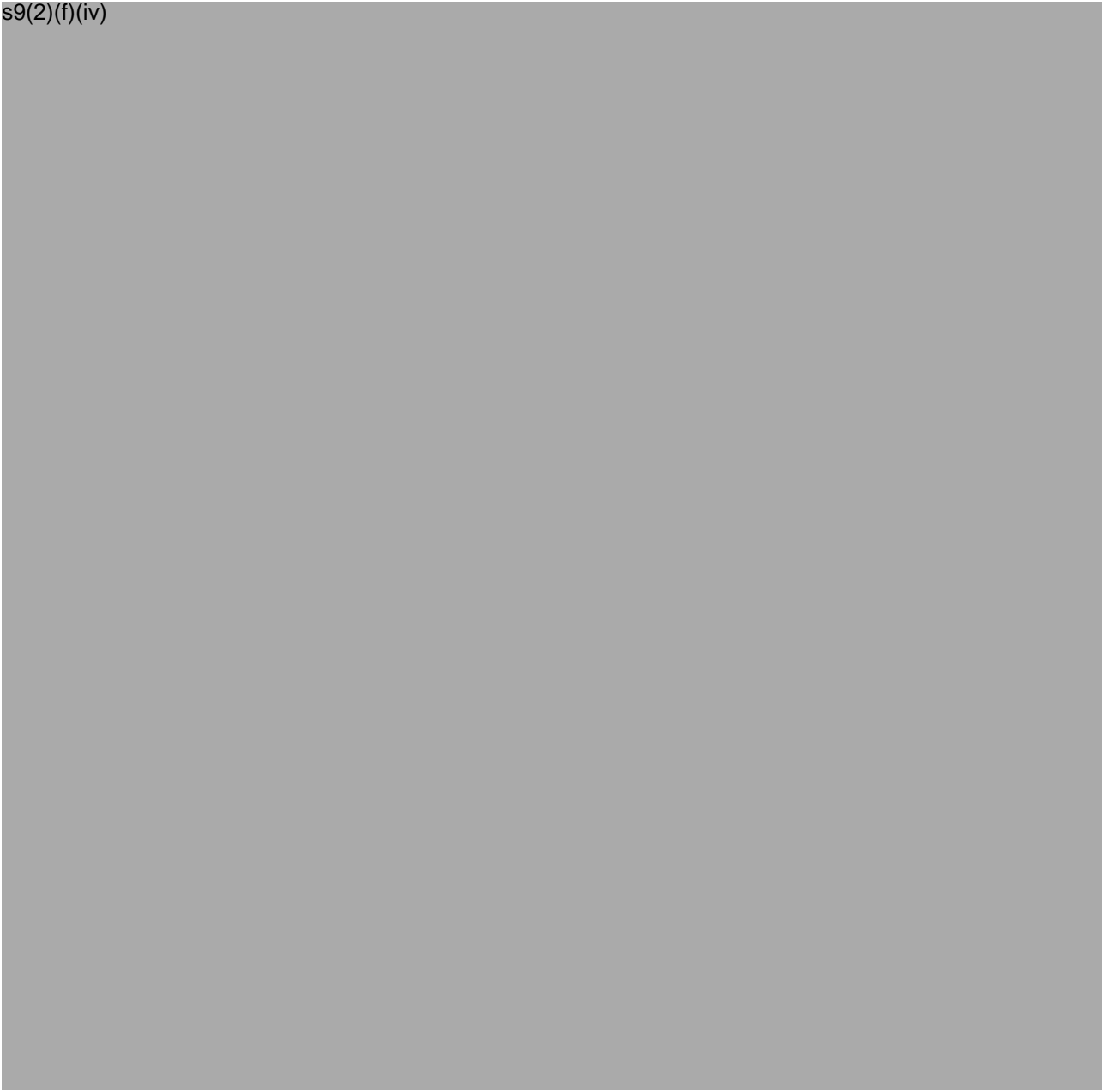
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National Direction	s9(2)(f)(iv)	65. Amend empowering national direction instruments in the RMA to allow NPS policies to be inserted directly into plans and require provisions which conflict with NPS polices to be removed without a schedule 1 process.	s9(2)(f)(iv)
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National Direction		67. Enable technical amendments to be made to standards which are more than minor through a streamlined process.	

Policy Domain	s9(2)(f)(iv)	Proposal	s9(2)(f)(iv)
National Direction	s9(2)(f)	68. Enable the preparation of a combined NPS and NES.	
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