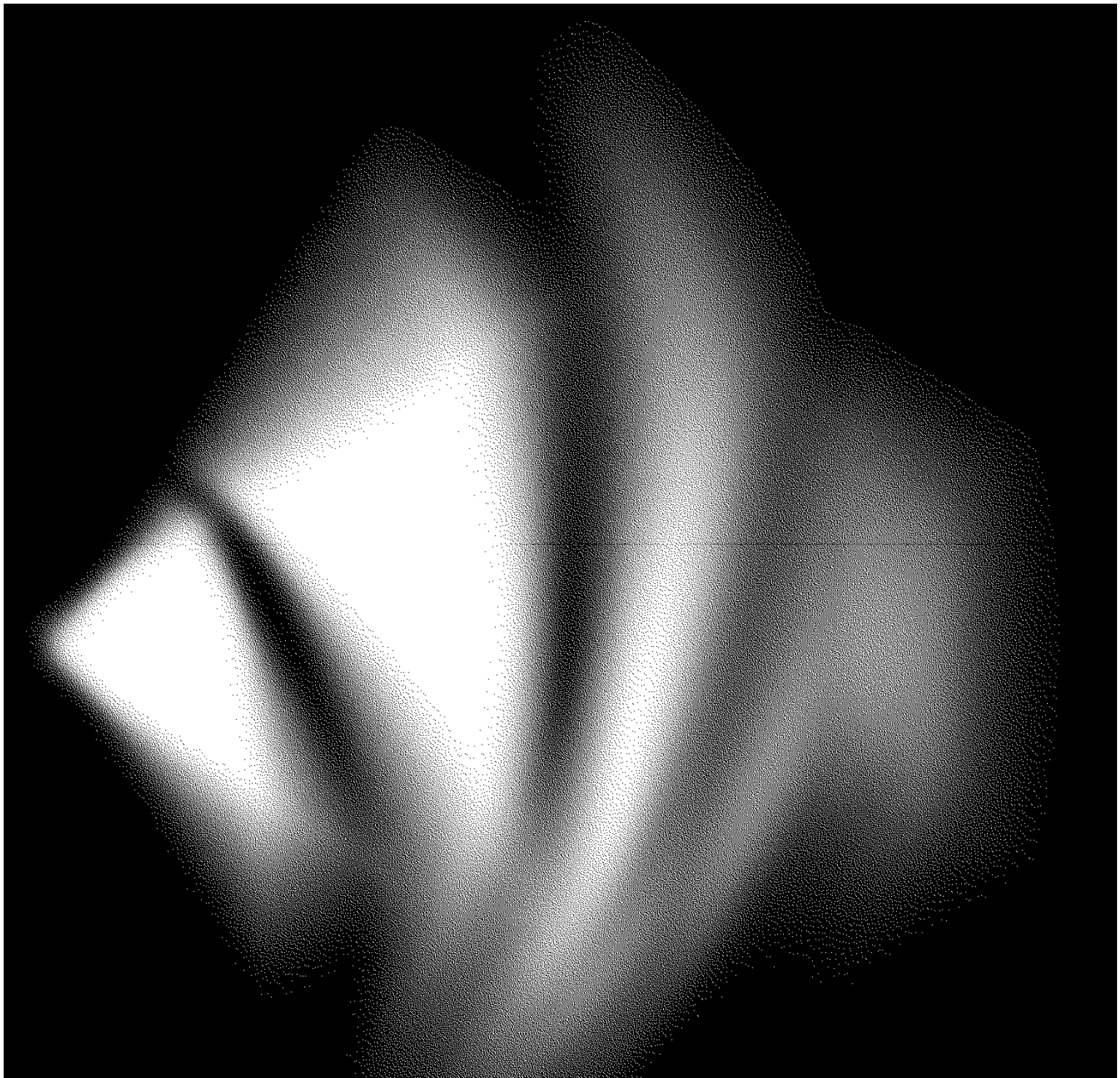




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Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
AGCNCO	Australian Government Competitive Neutrality Complaints Office
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
APS	Australian Public Service
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
DSP	Disability support pension
EMTRs	Effective marginal tax rates
GDP	Gross domestic product
GTEs	Government trading enterprises
IMF	International Monetary Fund
NRA	National Reform Agenda
OBPR	Office of Best Practice Regulation
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OHS	Occupational health and safety
ORR	Office of Regulation Review
PC	Productivity Commission
SES	Senior Executive Service
R&D	Research and development
RIS	Regulation impact statement
WTO	World Trade Organization