



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	107/14 (formerly NAA M1277)
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers; Politicians; Farmers
DATE RANGE	1968–1980
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.7 metres (4 boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>John Malcolm Fraser was born in Toorak, Melbourne on 21 May 1930.</p> <p>His grandfather, Sir Simon Fraser (1832–1919), had emigrated from Canada in 1853, initially to work as a prospector, but later moving into business, farming and politics. He was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly in 1874 and later served as a delegate to the Australasian Federal Convention (1897–1898) and a senator representing the Free Trade Party (1901–1913).</p> <p>Malcolm’s father, John Neville Fraser (1890–1962), studied law at the University of Oxford, but on his return to Australia concerned himself largely with his work as a pastoralist. In 1926, he married Una Woolf. Neville and Una had two children: Lorraine (1926–) and (John) Malcolm (1930–).</p> <p>The Fraser family lived at Balpool-Nyang near Moulamein in New South Wales before moving to ‘Nareen’, a station in western Victoria, in 1943. During this period Malcolm attended Tudor House School in New South Wales (1940–1943) and Melbourne Grammar (1944–1948). In 1949, he was admitted to the University of Oxford to study ‘Modern Greats’ (Politics, Philosophy and Economics).</p> <p>After graduating, Malcolm Fraser returned to Victoria and decided to embark on a political career. He succeeded in being elected as Liberal member for the seat of Wannon in western Victoria at his second attempt in 1955. A backbencher under Menzies for ten years, Fraser gained his first cabinet post as Minister for the Army under Prime Minister Harold Holt in 1966. He went on to become Minister for Education and Science (1968–1969 and 1971–1972) and Minister for Defence (1969–1971).</p>

	<p>Following the Labor government's election win in 1972, he served as Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations. He became leader of the Liberal Party in March 1975 and in November became caretaker Prime Minister after the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, dismissed the Whitlam government. He was returned to office through election victories in 1975, 1977 and 1980, before losing to Bob Hawke at the 1983 election. He resigned from politics in March 1983.</p> <p>Following his formal political career, Malcolm Fraser has continued a presence on the world stage, as Chair of the United Nations Panel of Eminent Persons on the Role of Transnational Corporations in South Africa (1985); as Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Group of Eminent Persons campaigning for an end to apartheid in South Africa (1985–1986); and Chair of the UN Secretary-General's Expert Group on African Commodity Issues (1989–1990). In 1987 he founded CARE Australia, the country's largest non-political and non-religious overseas aid organisation and was president of CARE International from 1990 to 1995. In 1997, he led a Commonwealth Observer Mission to Pakistan to monitor the national elections.</p> <p>Malcolm Fraser remains actively interested in issues associated with human rights, multiculturalism and reconciliation with indigenous Australians. He has been highly critical of the Howard government's involvement in the war in Iraq, as well as of its treatment of asylum seekers.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	7 December 2006
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Restricted
DESCRIPTION	<p>This series consists of folders of research material accumulated and used by Senior Advisers to J M (Malcolm) Fraser during the middle period of his Prime Ministership (1977–80). The advisory staff at the time included Petro Georgiou, Alan Jones and Ian Renard. An earlier series of similar research material (M1276) covers the years 1975 and 1976.</p> <p>The research material is arranged in lexicographical (subject) order although some inconsistencies are apparent, partly due to the later inter-sorting of additional files. Subjects dealt with include the arts, Australian Policy Institute, Australian Science and Technology Council, Commonwealth Public Service, Donald Hopkins (sheep-handling unit inventor), economy, 1977 and 1980 elections, Galbally report on post-arrival services for migrants, immigration, industrial relations, oil reserves, overseas trade, overseas visits, state Premiers and youth employment. There are also individual files for several senior political</p>

	figures. The series includes reports, departmental briefs, correspondence, working notes, draft speeches, press transcripts, news cuttings and other publications. Some Cabinet papers were removed from the series in late 1983.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	147 items from this series are currently held at the National Archives of Australia.
NOTE ON LISTING	List does not include items currently held at NAA.
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Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		Senior Advisor's Research material, second series	1968–1980
1	5	Africa [articles from 'West Africa']	7 Mar 1977–6 Jul 1977
	8	Australian Labor Party Committee of Inquiry [discussion papers and reports]	21 Mar 1978–21 Mar 1979
	9	Antarctic Base Project – Kingston [Hobart]	16 Aug 1978–17 Aug 1978
	10	[Rt Hon Doug] Anthony [statement relating to bulk raw materials]	24 Oct 1978
	11 Part 1	ANU [Australian National University, Research School of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science work-in-progress seminar] papers	18 Oct 1976–26 Jul 1977
	11 Part 2	ANU [Australian National University, Research School of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science work-in-progress seminar] papers	7 Mar 1978–26 Sep 1978
	14	The arts (2) – Council grants etc. [newspaper cuttings]	11 Dec 1972–20 Nov 1975
	15	The arts (3) – Film and television industry	8 Jan 1973–19 Nov 1975
2	16	The arts (4) – Performing [newspaper cuttings]	27 May 1969–21 Jun 1975
	17	The arts (5) – Purchases [newspaper cuttings]	27 Jan 1973–23 Dec 1974
	18	The arts (6) – Writing [newspaper cuttings]	30 Jun 1973–25 Sep 1974
	19	The arts (7) – Crafts [published material]	22 Dec 1972–21 Dec 1973
	23	Australian – Republic [published material]	Sep 1972–3 Feb 1973
	28	British election campaign [Liberal Party Federal Secretariat report]	26 Apr 1979–17 May 1979
	29	1980 Budget [newspaper cuttings]	8 Jul 1980–21 Jul 1980
	34	[Senator Don] Chipp [published material]	24 May 1978–28 Jul 1978
	37	Coastal Waters (State Powers) Bill 1980 [published material]	23 Apr 1980–27 Apr 1980
	39	Conservation [newspaper cuttings]	16 Jul 1980–16 Jul 1980
	40	Consumer affairs [memorandum relating to Australian Capital Territory consumer protection laws]	Sep 1975–Sep 1975
	42	The Commonwealth [published material]	1971–Jun 1979
	44	Conservation – General (Environment) ['AM' radio broadcast extract relating to Yappoon project]	27 Jul 1978–27 Jul 1978
	46	Prof S Rufus Davis [Pietro Georgiou personal file]	10 Mar 1979–10 Mar 1979
	53	Early election 1977 [papers relating to Justice in Broadcasting Group, published material]	19 Sep 1977–10 Nov 1977
	57	European Economic Community [newspaper cuttings]	16 Jul 1980–17 Jul 1980

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	58	Eggleton – Secretariat [Federal Director, Liberal Party]	13 Nov 1979–10 Apr 1980
	61 Part 1	Election campaign 1977 [redistribution assessment by Malcolm Mackerras]	c. Oct 1977
	61 Part 2	Election campaign 1977 [Australian Labor Party policy speech, media interview extracts etc.]	21 Oct 1977–12 Dec 1977
	68	Department of Foreign Affairs [newspaper cuttings]	24 May 1979 - 25 May 1979
3	71	Fraser (1) – Visit to China/ Japan, June 1976 [newspaper cuttings]	3 Jun 1976-2 Aug 1976
	72	Fraser (2) – Visit to USA [United States of America], July 1976 [newspaper cuttings]	20 Jun 1976-4 Dec 1976
	80	Gallup polls [published material]	Oct 1979
	82	GRAPPLE [Group for Rational Advancement of Progressive Liberalism (public policy discussion group) report ‘Liberalism and the School System’]	26 Sep 1978
	96	Treasurer, John] Howard [media interview transcripts]	30 Nov 1977–21 Sep 1978
	110	Immigration and ethnic affairs (14) – Jewish community [published material]	6 Sep 1978–25 Apr 1979
	112	Immigration [published material]	10 Oct 1979
	116	Indian Ocean [published material]	1975–10 Oct 1978
	119	Industrial disputes [newspaper cuttings]	10 Dec 1979–17 Jul 1980
	123	Industry – Export [published material]	26 Oct 1979–3 Dec 1979
	126	Invitations [to Pietro Georgiou (Senior Adviser) from diplomatic representatives and others, includes State Banquet menu (Lagos, Nigeria, 30 July 1979)]	8 Mar 1978–20 Aug 1979
	127	Israel [published material]	10 Apr 1978–11 May 1978
	128	Japan [published material]	1975–30 Jul 1976
	131	[Sir John] Kerr [published material]	27 Jan 1976–8 Feb 1979
	134	Liberal Party platform [includes booklet ‘Federalism and the Liberal philosophy’]	Aug 1978–4 Oct 1978
	139	Lusaka, July – August 1979 [Report of Australian Parliamentary Observer Group on the Zimbabwe-Rhodesia common roll elections 14–28 April 1979, newspaper cuttings]	May 1979–6 Jul 1979
	143	Stephen Litchfield [newspaper cutting]	6 Jun 1979
4	144	Menzies lectures [drafts, published material]	1968–25 Sep 1975
	145	Migrants – Greek Welfare Workers’ Group	2 Feb 1979–6 Feb 1979
	146	Ministers [published material]	Jun 1977–27 Feb 1979
	148	[Aldo] Moro [‘From the Ethnic Press’ newsletter]	22 May 1978
	150	Namibia [newspaper cuttings]	17 Oct 1978–2 Feb 1979

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	156	Omega base [newspaper cuttings]	9 Jul 1977–11 Jul 1977
	166	Post and telecommunications [notes for election policy speech]	31 Oct 1977
	170	Public Service (1) – Administration [published material]	10 Dec 1975–20 Jun 1979
	173	‘Rand’s research on terrorism’ [paper by B M Jenkins]	Aug 1977
	174	Recent policy developments (4), May 1979 [publication]	May 1979
	176	Alan Renouf [newspaper cuttings relating to book ‘The Frightened Country’, address to National Press Club]	18 Aug 1979–21 Aug 1979
	182	Rubenstein, Colin Lewis [Curriculum vitae]	c. 1978
	191	Ananda Marga and UPRF (United Proutist Revolutionary Front) [summary of incidents 1967–78, published material]	1977–c. Feb 1978

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