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NAME OF COLLECTION	**Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)**
ACCESSION NO	**106/14 (formerly NAA M1275)**
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers, Politicians, Farmers
DATE RANGE	1964–1975
SIZE OF COLLECTION	2.13 metres (12 boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	John Malcolm Fraser was born in Toorak, Melbourne on 21 May 1930.

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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).

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–).

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).

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). 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 Minster

	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. 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. 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.
DATE OF TRANSFER	February 2006
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	This series comprises subject files maintained by former Prime Minister J M (Malcolm) Fraser in his capacity as Opposition spokesman on labour matters (sometimes referred to as industrial relations) during the Whitlam Labor Government. The appointment followed a reshuffle of B M (Billy) Snedden's Opposition Ministry and was regarded as a difficult area for Liberal Party policy development (Ayres 1987: 213–220). The series mainly covers the period from August 1973 until March 1975, when Fraser replaced Snedden as Leader of the Opposition, although several files include earlier papers. The files deal with various employment and industrial relations issues including Liberal Party policy development, a proposed industrial inspectorate, amendments to the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act* and other legislation, procedures for settling of disputes, NSW power dispute (September–October 1973), the Royal Commission on Alleged Payments to Maritime Unions, inflation, manpower, stevedoring industry, trade unions, secret ballots, wage indexation, worker participation etc.. Some files relate specifically to Questions upon Notice (e.g. items 34, 42, 98, 102) or requests for a 'matter of public importance' (e.g. item 35) to be raised in the House of Representatives under Standing Orders. Many of the papers are photocopies of journal articles, news cuttings

| | and other documents obtained from various sources, including the Parliamentary Library and its Legislative Research Service. Occasionally, the federal Minister for Labour (Clyde Cameron) or another federal or state government politician made papers directly available to Fraser. The files also contain drafts of Liberal Party policy documents and speeches, reports, transcripts of television interviews, correspondence, press statements and other publications.

The records were transferred to archival custody in March 1983.

Reference:
Ayres, Philip. 1987. *Malcolm Fraser: A biography*. Richmond, Vic: William Heinemann Australia. |
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	This series was transferred from National Archives of Australia in February 2006. Some items (17–18, 22–23, 34, 53, 80, 96, 98, 107, 109, 115, 121–2) remain at NAA.
NOTE ON LISTING	Single number system imposed by National Archives of Australia
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