



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	106/15 (formerly NAA M1336)
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers, Politicians, Farmers
DATE RANGE	1949–1975
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1.48 metres (9 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). 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</p>

	<p>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	February 2006
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	<p>This series is the first of two series of general correspondence of J M (Malcolm) Fraser, maintained while he was Leader of the Opposition (March–November 1975). It covers the period from March to late August, but includes some earlier papers and a very small number of later ones. The subsequent series (NAA M1337) mainly covers the period August to November.</p> <p>The files and the papers within them are arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. They include representations from companies, small businesses, professional associations, church and other community organisations and the related replies. Some personal letters from friends and colleagues are also included.</p> <p>The correspondence covers a wide range of subjects, many relating to Whitlam Labor Government policies and legislation (e.g. Corporations and Securities Industry Bill 1975), as well as submissions and reports on major issues, company and other publications, news cuttings etc.. It also includes congratulatory telegrams and letters relating to Fraser’s election as Leader of the Opposition which received a more personalised or extended response than in the related series 106/13 (NAA M1262).</p> <p>The replies to the correspondence, mostly prepared by his staff, often</p>

	express views illuminating Opposition policy but sometimes include more personal comments from Fraser himself (e.g. letter to Sir Brian Hone in item 8, part 3).
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	The records were transferred to archival custody in March 1983. This series was transferred to the University of Melbourne Archives from the National Archives of Australia in February 2006.
NOTE ON LISTING	Single number system imposed by National Archives of Australia; alphabetical
LISTED BY	Initial listing by NAA; revised and re-formatted by Caitlin Stone
DATE	29 February 2008

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
	1	General correspondence maintained as Leader of the Opposition, first series	1949–1975
1	1 PART 1	Correspondence 'A' [Capt F Aarons - Mrs G Aim, includes congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition, representations relating to importation of horses from Papua New Guinea, Corporations and Securities Industry Bill 1975, Vietnamese refugees]	19 Nov 1974–8 Aug 1975
	1 PART 2	Correspondence 'A' [Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders' Association of Western Australia - Asian Development Bank, includes congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition, representations relating to taxation of animal sports, book 'The energy crisis and the wind' by E W Andrew]	18 Mar 1975–5 Aug 1975
	1 PART 3	Correspondence 'A' [Associated Chambers of Manufactures - T L Austin, includes submissions from Association of Independent Life Offices, Association of Superannuation Funds, congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition, representations relating to FILEF report]	19 Apr 1973–28 Jul 1975
	1 PART 4	Correspondence 'A' [Australia-Britain Society -Australian Council of Social Service, includes representations from Australian Anti-Metric Association, Australian Ballot Campaign, Australian Bankers' Association, Australian Campaign against Centralism, ACOSS report 'Social security benefits and related matters', Anglo-American Corporation journal Optima (vol 25 no 1), Australian Associated Brewers code of advertising practice, Australian Council for the Advancement of Blind People magazine (Apr 1975)]	18 Oct 1974–22 Aug 1975
	1 PART 5	Correspondence 'A' [Australian Egyptian Association -D J Ayling, includes submissions from Australian Liberal Students Federation, Australian Woolgrowers' and Graziers' Council relating to rural research financing and phosphate fertilizers, Australian National	16 Sep. 1974–18 Jul 1975

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		Industries Ltd annual report 1974, Australian Petroleum Exploration Associated Ltd report on crude oil pricing (March 1975), paper 'Current observations on tax and fiscal policy' by Dr I C F Spry]	
	2 PART 1	Correspondence 'B' [S Babalis - J Beyer, includes representations relating to Labor Government policies and from the Baltic Council of Australia, congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition, paper 'A challenge to all Australians -federal/state relations tomorrow' by A Barrett]	15 Jan 1975–18 Aug 1975
2	2 PART 2	Correspondence 'B' [Mrs L M Bilson - W R Brittain-George, includes letter from Lady Violet Braddon, representations relating to the brewing industry, Corporations and Securities Industry Bill 1975, congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition, booklet 'The thoughts and sayings of Ma-o-Gough' by B Blake]	4 Oct 1974–22 Aug 1975
	2 PART 3	Correspondence 'B' [R D Brockhoff - G Bryant, includes Broken Hill Pty Ltd submission relating to steel prices, personal representations]	12 Mar 1975–20 Aug 1975
	2 PART 4	Correspondence 'B' [G Buchanan - M Byrnes, includes 'The legal status of Australian trade unions' by D W Smith, The Soviet- American strategic balance from an ally's viewpoint' by A L Burns, Liberal Party (NSW Division) education report]	10 Feb 1975–13 Aug 1975
	3 PART 1	Correspondence 'C' [Cadbury Schweppes Australia Ltd Catholic Womens League (Dennington Branch), includes submission relating to Sangara (PNG) soldier settlers, representations from Captive Nations Council of NSW, N W L Campbell, papers relating to Bass electoral division (Tasmania), congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition]	13 Nov 1973–18 Aug 1975
	3 PART 2	Correspondence 'C' [P Cekanauskas - Clyde Industries Ltd, includes letters from Fred Chaney, Prof M Clark, representations relating to Jindera Subdivision (NSW), Australian Cadet Corps, Travel Agents Bill, Associated Chambers of Manufactures, Medibank, Clemenger report 'Consumerism: the corporate response',	18 Jun 1973–19 Aug 1975

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		League of Rights 'Intelligence survey' (Feb 1975)]	
	3 PART 3	Correspondence 'C' [J W Cochran - B and C Coyne, includes letter to Sir Charles Court, representations relating to Overseas Telecommunications Commission, rural credit, Vietnamese refugees, Australian Government Insurance Office Bill, congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition, Restore Incentive Movement newsletter, 'Love Australia' cloth badge]	5 Feb 1975–13 Aug 1975
3	3 PART 4	Correspondence 'C' [G J Crabbe - Czechoslovakian Community in Queensland, includes Crookwell Shire Council submission relating to Commonwealth Bureau of Roads, representations relating to ACT Health Commission Ordinance, A Australian Legal Aid Office]	15 Jan 1975–19 Aug 1975
	4 PART 1	Correspondence 'D' [J Dacres-Mannings - Mrs A Dexter, includes representations from Darwin Self Help Group, J W Derwin, letter from Sir Rohan Delacombe, Dandenong North Branch Liberal Party magazine 'Revival' (first issue)]	5 Feb 1975–8 Aug 1 1975
	4 PART 2	Correspondence 'D' [M Dick - J Dziemidzik, includes letters from N Morris (Dunlop-Slazenger (Australia) Pty Ltd), Productivity Promotion Council annual report and other publications]	1971–15 Aug 1975
	5	'E1 [T A Bade - A R Ewing, includes congratulations and personal representations]	25 Dec 1974–20 Aug 1975
	6 PART 1	Correspondence 'F' [C Face - W F and N W Flynn, includes representations from Federated Clerks Union relating to uranium ban, Festival of Light (Victoria) relating to Family Law Bill 1974, news cuttings]	1 8 Nov 1974–20 Aug 1975
	6 PART 2	Correspondence 'F' [F V Fogarty - Hon W Fyfe, includes letters from J Fowler (President, Grayndler Federal Conference), Peter Frankel, submission from Prof J Francis relating to rural research, representations relating to Interim Committee for the Children's Commission, 'Armidale Express' (7 April 1975)]	27 Nov 1974–15 Aug 1975
4	7	Correspondence 'G' [R A Gabric-Visconti -	6 Aug 1973–20 Aug 1975

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	PART 1	1 R Grant, includes congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition, personal representations]	
	7 PART 2	Correspondence 'G' [A F Gray - J Guthrie, includes representations relating to independent schools and from the Greek community relating to Racial Discrimination Bill 1974, J and T Gunn Pty Ltd, K G Gr.enfell-Hoyle, 'Mouths to feed and beyond' by F Gregson]	29 Jan 1975–22 Aug 1 975
	8 PART 1	Correspondence 'H' [L M Hadden - L Hazlett, includes representations from R Hallam, J E Harper and others]	22 Jan 1975–13 Aug 1975
	8 PART 2	Correspondence 'H1 [B Healey - Mrs R Hinds, includes representations from W J Henderson (Associated Chambers of Manufactures), J L Hill relating to tourism, letter from Sir Edmund Herring, 'Herald' poster, 'It's Fraser' J	29 Jan 1975–8 Aug 1975
	8 PART 3	Correspondence 'H' [E Hobbs - Sir Brian Hone, includes letter from Michael Hodgman relating to early election, personal representations]	29 Jan 1975–13 Aug 1975
	8 PART 4	Correspondence 'H' [R Hood - Hymix Australia Pty Ltd, includes representations from Housing Industry Association, H R Hudson relating to Australian wool clip, M P Hunkin relating to education, Dr C R Huxtable relating to Rhodesia, memorandum by S E K Hulme 'The Connor loan transactions' (July 1975), Australian Citizenship Ceremony Handbook (1973)]	1973–13 Aug 1975
5	9	Correspondence 'I' [Ian Potter and Company - J V Ivanac, includes Industrial Design Council brochures, submissions from Institute of Directors, Institute of Private Secretaries (Australia), representations relating to Moonie-Alton oilfields (Qld), private sector investment, 1974 annual reports for Central Pacific Minerals NL, Southern Pacific Petroleum NL and IBM Australia Ltd]	18 Feb 1975–19 Aug 1975
	10	Correspondence 'J' [J T Jacka - E Jury, includes congratulations, personal representations]	5 Feb 1975–19 Aug 1975
	11	Correspondence 'K' [P D Kahl - Miss R Kyburg, includes 'Is it really happening'	12 Dec 1974–19 Aug 1975

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		(political cartoons) by Z G Kamenyitzky, representations from H Kanter relating to beef industry, E D L Killen, John Knight Fabrics Pty Ltd, Bathurst City Council relating to local government]	
	12 PART 1	Correspondence 'L' [A S Lambert - P Lefkovic, includes representations from Latvian community relating to Baltic states, C E Lawn relating to building industry, submissions from Law Society of NSW relating to Corporations and Securities Industry Bill 1975 and legal aid]	21 Mar 1975–19 Aug 1975
	12 PART 2	Correspondence 'L' [I J Leibler - B W Lyons, includes representations from Life Offices' Association, personal representations, Australia/Israel publications relating to Palestine Liberation Organisation]	1 8 Feb 1975–15 Aug 1 975
	13 PART 1	Correspondence 'Me' [Mrs 1 1 Mack - J J McGuire, includes submission relating to federal Ombudsman, 'Wool - quo vadis' by H MacDiarmid, papers relating to federalism by D J McAuliffe]	11 Sep 1974–13 Aug 1975
6	13 PART 2	Correspondence 'Mc' [J G McHarg - A McVeigh, includes representations from D McNab (Deputy Chairman, No 1 Repatriation Board NSW), submission from "Hear and Talk' Association relating to handicapped children]	19 Mar 1968–20 Aug 1975
	14 PART 1	Correspondence 'M' [Miss M Madden - T Maylan, includes representations from Flight Stewards' Association, personal representations, Master Builders Association of Victoria newsletters relating to industrial situation]	23 Oct 1974–15 Aug 1975
	14 PART 2	Correspondence 'M' [P A Meacle - Miss M H Mittelheuser, includes papers relating to metric conversion, personal representations	26 Nov 1973–20 Aug 1975
	1 4 PART 3	Correspondence 'M' [Mobil Oil Australia Ltd - F Mykolajenko, includes submission from Br K G Mortensen relating to grants to Victorian nongovernment schools, representations from J Mottram relating to metric conversion, letter from R D Muldoon (Leader of the Opposition, New Zealand), newscuttings relating to Commonwealth	12 Mar 1974–15 Aug 1 975

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		Superannuation Bill]	
	15	Correspondence 'N1 [Nabalco Pty Ltd - Nylex Corporation Ltd, includes National Heart Foundation (NSW) annual report 1974, personal representations]	19 Jan 1973–22 Aug 1975
	16	Correspondence 'O' [A O'Brien - N C H Ozanne, includes letters from Sir Mark Oliphant, Sir Hubert Opperman, Sir John Overall, personal representations]	17 Mar 1975–8 Aug 1975
	17 PART 1	Correspondence 'P' [Mrs B Paice - Dr P G Petty, includes representations from J F Petty relating to polling hours, personal representations, Save our State Campaign (Qld) pamphlet 'Consumer price discounts: the answer to inflation', report on NSW Demersal fishing industry, song by G R Paul 'Australia's destiny' (sheet music)]	18 Jun 1973–20 Aug 1975
7	17 PART 2	Correspondence 'P' [S R Phadtare - C J Pymble, includes representations from Printing and Allied Trades Employers' Federation, Australian Public Service Federation, Housing Industry Association]	Jul 1963–22 Aug 1975
	18	Correspondence 'Q' [Queensland State Union Service A Quirk, includes submission relating to National Compensation Bill]	30 Mar 1975–11 Jul 1975
	19 PART 1	Correspondence 'R' [H Rabe - Riverton-Rossmoyne Branch (Liberal Party), includes congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition, personal letters from J Read, W L Rice, representations from F I Reinehr relating to investment allowance, Real Estate and Stock Institute]	1 9 Jul 1973–22 Aug 1 975
	19 PART 2	Correspondence 'R' [A D Robb - N B Rydge, includes representations from P Robertson relating to Birchgrove Community School and other representations]	21 Aug 1974–22 Aug 1975
	20 PART 1	Correspondence 'S' [A L Saclier - Department of Services and Property, includes representations from Save the Family Movement, Voluntary Euthanasia Society of Victoria, M C Schrank Company Pty Ltd, letters from K J Seppelt, People against Communism manifesto]	3 1 Oct 1974–6 Oct 1 975
	20 PART 2	Correspondence 'S' [R E Shackleford - J Sluzalek, includes representations from Shaul International, personal	4 Oct 1973 -6 Oct 1975

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		representations, Hospital Benefits Association Ltd publications]	
	20 PART 3	Correspondence 'S' [J R Small - A J Staunton, includes personal letter to Mrs Elsa Staley, representations from Spastic Children's Society of Victoria, personal representations]	13 Jan 1955–6 Oct 1975
8	20 PART 4	Correspondence 'S1' [Mr Steen - E A Szorkovszky, includes representations, paper by L T Stisher (Strahan), telegram from Archbishop Stylianos relating to Cyprus, Sydney Chamber of Commerce publication 'Bis' (2 issues) and other publications]	23 Dec 1974–6 Oct 1975
	21 PART 1	Correspondence 'T' [M J Talberg - L Thorpe, includes representations relating to Associated Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd, Whitlam Labor Government, textile industry]	21 Feb 1975–20 Aug 1975
	21 PART 2	Correspondence 'T' [Miss W A Tiddy - Mrs P Tuttle, includes personal letter from H B Turner, representations from Turkish Welfare Association, Australian Mushroom Growers' Association, address by D L Foster relating to media control]	14 Jan 1975–18 Aug 1975
	22	Correspondence 'U' [O Uebergang - J Urquhart-Taylor, includes representations from Urannah Dam Committee, personal letter from T Uren, notes on Liberal Party finance, speech by Z Cowen 'Problems facing Australian Government']	1 1 Mar 1975–8 Jul 1975
	23	Correspondence 'V' [M Valadian - Voters Policy Association, includes representations from Victorian Teachers' Union, Victorian Temperance Alliance, address by J A Brady to Knitting Garment Emergency Action Committee, Liberal-Country Party health and social security policy documents, Voca-Dex facsimile brochure, 'The defence of Australia' and other papers by D N Vernon, Australian League of Rights leaflet 'Spell it out']	31 Jan 1973–20 Aug 1975
	24 PART 1	Correspondence 'W' [N Wace - N and J Wettenhall, includes Liberal Party Barton Conference magazine <i>Ad lib</i> (first issue), Philips Industries Holdings Ltd annual report 1974, personal representations]	22 Sep 1949–22 Aug 1975

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	24 PART.2	Correspondence 'W' [B Wheatley - Mrs D Wixey, includes report on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference (Geneva), letter from P S Golding to E White relating to B A Santamaria, personal representations]	14 Feb 1975–21 Aug 1975
9	24 PART 3	Correspondence 'W' [F G Wolber - L Wynne, includes telegram from F Woods (Anglican Primate of Australia), Woodside-Burmah Oil NL annual report 1974, letter from R A Woolcott (Ambassador to Indonesia), report by C J Wright (Secretary, Commission on Christian Education) on visit to Asia]	18 Feb 1975–4 Nov 1975
	25	Correspondence 'XYZ' [XLX NL - A Zogorskis, includes representations relating to petroleum, dual nationality, Family Law Bill, congratulations on election as Leader of the Opposition]	24 Feb 1975–13 Aug 1975
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