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NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	106/17 (formerly NAA M1353)
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers, Politicians, Farmers
DATE RANGE	1944–1975
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1.24 metres (7 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 comprises several folders of miscellaneous correspondence maintained by J M (Malcolm) Fraser during his second term as Minister for Education and Science (1971–72) and, subsequently, as a member of the Opposition during the Whitlam Labor Government (1972–75). The series effectively ceases in February 1975, shortly before Fraser was elected Leader of the Opposition, although some files carry later papers.</p> <p>The correspondence originating from the Ministerial and Opposition periods of Fraser’s career is easily identified by the use of, respectively, pink or white office copies of out-going letters. The portfolio office stamp also identifies most papers of the Ministerial period. The two sets of papers were probably combined for convenience in 1975 when Fraser changed offices on becoming Leader of the Opposition. While they actually constitute two distinct series, the nature of the correspondence is similar. It comprises general approaches or representations to him from business and industry groups, professional organisations, unions, associations and members of the public. The subjects covered include the Australia Party, abortion, education issues, primary industry, companies, Lake Pedder, the Little Red Schoolbook, Protection Commission, Commonwealth Public Service etc. Some more personal correspondence from professional colleagues, friends and Fraser’s sister (Mrs B Whiting, née Lorraine Fraser), and several reports and publications relating to</p>

	<p>particular companies and other organisations (e.g. Ian Potter Foundation, Australian Conservation Foundation) are also present in the series.</p> <p>A number of items from this series (items 1, part 3; 10, part 3; 12 part 3, 12 part 4, 16, 17, 18 part 3, 19, 22 part 2, 24 part 2, 25 part 2, 26 part 2, 27 part 2, 27 part 3, 28, 29 part 2, 31 part 2, 32, 33 part 2, 34, 36, 37 part 3, 38, 39 part 2, 40 part 2, 41 part 2, 44 part 3, 47 part 3, 48 part 2, 49, 50 part3, 51 part 3) are held at the National Archives of Australia.</p>
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	The records were transferred to archival custody in March 1983. They were transferred from the National Archives of Australia in February 2006.
NOTE ON LISTING	Single number system imposed by National Archives of Australia. List includes items held at both NAA and UMA.
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Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		Miscellaneous correspondence	1944–1975
		<i>Correspondence maintained by J M (Malcolm) Fraser during his second term as Minister for Education and Science (1971–72) and, subsequently, as a member of the Opposition during the Whitlam Labor Government (1972–75).</i>	
1	1 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'A', 1974–1975 [includes Australian Shippers' Council Second Annual Report for year ended 30 June 1974; Aluminium Development Council; Action for World Development; Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society; Australian Chiropractors', Osteopaths' and Naturopathic Physicians' Association Limited (including publication 'About Nature Cure: An introduction to natural healing' by Alan Moyle); Australian Council of Social Service; Australian Federation of Air Pilots; Australian Union of Students; Australian Council of Churches; Australian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence 1973 Annual Report etc.]	5 Nov 1973–17 Feb 1975
	1 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence 'A', 1973 [includes Australian Medical Association; Australian School Library Association; Australian Chemical Industry Council; Australian Metal Trades Export Group; Australian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association; publication 'The Prescription Medicine Industry in Australia: Fact book'; Australian Associated Brewers etc.]	16 Feb 1973–21 Dec 1973
	1 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'A', 1971–1972 [re Australian Mining Industry Council, Australian Universities Commission, shirt manufacturers, Western Australian air service, Ansett Transport Industries Ltd, includes The Great Australian Daily' (Nov 1972 issue)]	18 Jun 1971–28 Dec 1972
	2	Abortion – Right to Life Association	29 Mar 1973–19 Apr 1973

	3	Abortion – Representations re McKenzie-Lamb Bill	Oct 1972–21 May 1973
	4	Abortion letters	1 Mar 1973–20 May 1975
	5	Electorate – Anti-abortion (replied to)	10 Apr 1973–4 May 1973
2	6	Non-electorate (pro-abortion) – Answered	18 Apr 1973–5 May 1973
	7	Advertising – Australian owned companies	28 Mar 1974–30 Apr 1974
	8	Australia Party	16 Nov 1966–14 Mar 1974
	9	Avon [Company – Compulsory unionism]	29 Nov 1974–6 Feb 1975
	10 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘B’, 1974–1975 [includes correspondence with Lady Violet Braddon; Bob Boase, Secretary Australian Anti-Metric Association]	27 Sep 1973–28 Oct 1975
	10 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘B’, 1973	30 Sep 1972–14 Dec 1973
	10 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence ‘B’, 1971–1972 [re Lake Pedder, Commonwealth Public Service salaries, concrete railway sleepers, includes ‘A Nation at the Crossroads’ by T C Boxall]	22 Oct 1970–16 Dec 1972
	11	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. William C Battle	31 Mar 1970–30 Mar 1973
	12 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘C’, 1974–1975 [includes Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation Pty Ltd Annual Report 1974]	9 Jan 1974–17 Feb 1975
	12 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘C’, 1973 [includes correspondence with Hector Crawford re Tariff Board Report on Motion Picture Films and Television Programmes; Captive Nations Council of Victoria; Comalco Can Company re recycling; lecture by R L Abbott ‘The Problems Facing the Aircraft Industry’; Czechoslovak Sokal Gymnastic Association; Car Consumers Association; Citizens for Freedom etc.]	20 Feb 1973–11 Dec 1973
	12 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence ‘C’, 1972 [re Queensland League for National Welfare and Decency, Mrs M E Coffey, colour television, visit of Lord Casey to Moscow]	28 Aug 1953–3 Jan 1973

	12 Part 4	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'C', 1971–1972 [re CSIRO audit, Sunday television programs, includes Professional Officers' Association papers on Commonwealth Public Service]	16 Aug 1971–30 May 1972
3	13	The Call ['A Call to the People of Australia'; an appeal from Church leaders and Chief Justices urging restoration of 'moral order' to Australia]	12 Nov 1951–24 Jul 1974
	14	CSIRO [Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation]	7 Aug 1974
	15	Conservative Party [United Kingdom – Publications]	6 Jul 1965–16 Dec 1974
	16	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. J Coulter [re Little Red Schoolbook, includes 'The Endless Adventure' by R Hicks]	1964–15 May 1974
	17	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Sir John Crawford (Vice-Chancellor, Australian National University) [re academic salaries, Research School of Earth Sciences etc.]	12 Aug 1971–2 Oct 1972
	18 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'D', 1974–1975 [includes Sir Alexander Downer]	22 May 1973–12 Mar 1975
	18 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence 'D', 1973 [includes Divorce Law Reform Association Victoria and pamphlet 'Proposals for Reform of Family Law in Australia']	21 Feb 1973–14 Dec 1973
	18 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'D', 1971–1972 [includes report on Bass Strait Crude Freight Equalisation Scheme, Dunlop Australia Ltd annual report 1971 and other publications]	1967–29 Nov 1972
	19	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. DOGS [Council for the Defence of Government Schools]	12 Jul 1956–4 Jun 1974
	20	Sir Alexander Downer	20 Jun 1972–13 Jul 1972
	21	Drake International Australia Pty Ltd	1969–21 Jan 1975
	22 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'E', 1973–1975	25 May 1973–6 Mar 1975
	22 Part 2	Currently held at NAA. Available	22 Sep 1971–27 Jun 1972

		online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'E', 1971–1972 [includes submission re Aboriginal land in Northern Territory by E M Eggleston]	
	23	Correspondence re EEC [European Economic Community] speech	2 Apr 1973–17 Apr 1973
	24 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'F', 1973–1975	12 Dec 1972–1 Apr 1975
	24 Part 2	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'F', 1971–1972 [re foreign policy, Northern Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd etc.]	17 Aug 1971–1 Dec 1972
4	25 Part 1	Mr Fraser – Personal correspondence [includes correspondence with Arthur Tange; Marshall Green (US Ambassador); Fletcher Jones; William C Battle]	13 Oct 1944–18 Dec 1974
	25 Part 2	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Mr Fraser – Personal correspondence [re Lord Mayor's dinner and Moomba Festival (Melbourne), includes copy of letter from Justice John R Kerr to William McMahon]	9 Nov 1971–13 Oct 1972
	26 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'G', 1973–1975 [includes Graziers' Association of Victoria; General Motors Holden; Graziers' Association of New South Wales; Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co.]	31 Jan 1973–6 Mar 1975
	26 Part 2	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'G', 1971–1972 [includes petition against Anderson report into Scientology, reports on social welfare etc.]	30 Aug 1971–10 Oct 1972
	27 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'H', 1974–1975 [includes Hawker De Havilland Australia etc.]	18 Dec 1973–17 Feb 1975
	27 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence 'H', 1973	29 Dec 1972–14 Dec 1973
	27 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'H', 1971–1972 [re honey industry etc., includes statement by Rev P J Hollingworth on poverty enquiry, booklet 'The Union Jack and Stars and	19 Aug 1971–20 Dec 1972

		Stripes: their symbolism and meaning']	
	28	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Geoffrey E F Hughes [re Australian Parents' Council etc.]	20 Jan 1970–29 Mar 1974
	29 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'I', 1973–1975 [includes ICI Australia; International Air Transport Association; Insurance Brokers' Association of Australia]	14 Dec 1972–6 Feb 1975
	29 Part 2	[Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch.] Miscellaneous correspondence 'I', 1971-1972 [representations from J Irvine and Mrs J Isaacson]	9 Sep 1971–19 Apr 1972
	30	IRS [International Relations Society of Victoria news bulletins]	May 1974–Feb 1975
	31 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'J', 1973–1975 [includes Sir Philip Jones (Chair, Herald and Weekly Times); Jervis Bay Anti-Pollution Committee; Melbourne Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses]	24 Dec 1972–2 Feb 1975
	31 Part 2	[Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch.] Miscellaneous correspondence 'J', 1971–1972 [includes representations from Master Builders' Federation, Hawker de Havilland Australia Pty Ltd]	25 Nov 1971–13 Dec 1972
	32	[Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch.] Sir Charles Johnston (United Kingdom High Commissioner)	17 Feb 1971–10 Jul 1973
	33 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'K', 1973–1975 [includes two letters from Sir John Kerr; Kangaroo Industries Association of Australia]	22 Dec 1972–9 Mar 1975
	33 Part 2	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'K', 1971–1972 [includes Returned Services League annual report 1970, Evans Deakin Industries Ltd annual report 1971]	19 Aug 1971–23 Oct 1972
	34	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. D Kennedy (Member for Bendigo) [Parliamentary questions re education matters]	8 Jul 1972–28 Aug 1972
5	35 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'L', 1974–1975 [includes letter from Sir	11 Feb 1974–10 Oct 1975

		Daryl Lindsay]	
35 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence 'L', 1973 [includes book 'Lake Pedder: why a national park must be saved' and memoir 'Partial Success: My years as a public servant. A migrant's story' by N W Lamidey (Assistant Secretary Commonwealth Department of Immigration 1955–1960)]	21 Dec 1972–9 Nov 1973	
35 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'L', 1972	5 Apr 1972–6 Sep 1972	
36	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. The Little Red Schoolbook	1971–Apr 1972	
37 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'M', 1974–1975 [includes 'The Meat Industry Bulletin: Meat promotion 1975'; Movement for Limited Government]	15 Aug 1973–Mar 1975	
37 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence 'M', 1973	31 Jan 1973–10 Dec 1973	
37 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'M', 1971–1972 [includes Australian Conservation Foundation report 'Organizing for Future Growth', Australian Wool Board report on secondary industry protection, Australian Society for Medical Research proceedings (Nov 1971), Girl Guides Association of Australia annual report 1970–71]	25 Jun 1971–13 Dec 1972	
38	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Mr J C Moodie [personal representations]	20 Aug 1970–24 Dec 1971	
39 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'N', 1973–1975 [includes National Association of Australian Citizens for Freedom; National Disaster Action Committee; National Right to Life Association; Navy League of Australia; New South Wales Public Hospitals Association; NSW Teachers' Federation]	2 Feb 1973–6 Mar 1975	
39 Part 2	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'N', 1971–1972	13 Sep 1971–13 Dec 1972	

	40 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'O', 1973–1975 [includes correspondence with Sir Hubert Opperman]	3 Apr 1973–6 Feb 1975
	40 Part 2	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'O', 1971–1972 [re Ministerial Office organisation, Income Tax Assessment Bill 1972 etc.]	23 Sep 1971–3 Oct 1972
	41 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'P', 1973–1975 [includes Pastoralists and Graziers Association of Western Australia; Federated Photo Engravers, Photo-Lithographers and Photogravure Employees Association of Australia; Postal Users Action Committee; Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association of Australia; Productivity Promotion Council of Australia; Productivity Promotion Council of Australia Annual Report 1972, publication 'Concorde and the Environment', etc.]	21 Nov 1972–14 Feb 1975
	41 Part 2	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'P', 1971–1972 [includes Australian Conservation Foundation annual report 1970–71, Investment Enterprises Pty Ltd]	26 May 1971–10 Oct 1972
	42	Pre-School Teachers Union of Western Australia (Mrs E Waghorn)	21 Mar 1973–1 May 1973
	43	Miscellaneous correspondence 'Q', 1972–1974	3 May 1972–30 Oct 1974
6	44 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence 'R', 1974–1975 [Right to Life Association; Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology; Ayn Rand Letter Inc.]	1 Jul 1973–14 Mar 1975
	44 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence 'R', 1973 [includes Right to Life Association; Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria; Returned Services League; Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia]	27 Feb 1973–7 Dec 1973
	44 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence 'R', 1971–1972 [includes Australian Association for the Mentally Retarded annual report 1970–71, book 'Munchen '72']	4 Feb 1971–13 Nov 1972

	45 Part 1	Correspondence as rural spokesman (re Protection Commission)	15 Mar 1973–21 May 1973
	45 Part 2	Correspondence as rural spokesman	1971–17 May 1973
	46	P J Russell (non-electorate)	8 Dec 1969–18 Apr 1973
	47 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘S’, 1974–1975	16 Jan 1969–14 Feb 1975
	47 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘S’, 1973 [includes Sephardi Association of Victoria; Specific Learning Difficulties Association of New South Wales]	Sep 1972–10 Dec 1973
	47 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence ‘S’, 1971–1972	18 Aug 1971–7 Dec 1972
	48 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘T’, 1973–1975	7 Feb 1973–14 Mar 1975
	48 Part 2	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence ‘T’, 1971–1972 [includes address to Liberal Speakers’ Group Conference, Melbourne (April 1972), TNT annual report 1971]	7 Sep 1971–7 Dec 1972
	49	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Training and development [includes Lady Gowrie Child Centre (North Carlton) annual reports 1968–1970, departmental briefs on various education matters]	1968–30 Nov 1971
7	50 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘U–V’, 1974–1975 [includes United Council of Immigrants; Victorian Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation; Victorian Council for Civil Liberties; Victorian Employers’ Federation; Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence; Unilever Australia; Victorian Temperance Alliance]	16 Jan 1974–27 Mar 1975
	50 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘U–V’, 1973 [includes Victorian Farmers’ Union; Volvo Australia]	16 Jan 1973–14 Dec 1973
	50 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence ‘U–V’, 1971–1972 [re Ukrainian Council of New South Wales, includes paper ‘The International Trade and Monetary Situation’ by Sir James Vernon]	Jul 1971–19 Sep 1972
	51 Part 1	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘W’,	17 Dec 1973–14 Feb 1975

		1974–1975	
	51 Part 2	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘W’, 1973	30 Apr 1971–14 Dec 1973
	51 Part 3	Currently held at NAA. Available online via RecordSearch. Miscellaneous correspondence ‘W’, 1971–1972 [includes paper ‘Innovation and the Future of Manufacturing Industry in Australia’ by F M Wiltshire, Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd brochure, book ‘The Ian Potter Foundation 1964–1971’]	21 Aug 1971–29 Nov 1972
	52	Mrs B R Whiting (sister) [née Lorraine Fraser] – Personal correspondence	19 Jul 1970–30 Mar 1973
	53	Miscellaneous correspondence ‘X-Y-Z’, 1973–1975	1972–6 Feb 1975

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