



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	<b>106/20 (formerly NAA M1358)</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Community and Political, individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Prime Ministers, Politicians, Farmers
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1974–1975
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	0.17 metres (1 box)
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<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</p>

	<p>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>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	February 2006
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>This series includes correspondence with members of the Liberal-National Country Party Opposition, maintained by J M (Malcolm) Fraser during the period he was Leader of the Opposition (March–November 1975). A small number of papers dated December 1975 also relate to the Opposition period rather than the month Fraser was caretaker Prime Minister.</p> <p>The correspondence relates to various matters, including parliamentary handling of key issues such as the 1975–76 budget, Senate rejection of supply, the Khemlani Loans Affair and the Queensland electorates of Lilley and Ryan. Several letters reflect the different views on the overall political situation held by some of Fraser’s colleagues (e.g. Dr A J Forbes, Ian Macphee, Senator R C Wright) and others. Papers on the relationship between the Commonwealth public service and government, defence policy, minerals and energy policy, North West Shelf gas, Pilkington ACI Ltd and secondary industries in north-west Tasmania are also included in the series.</p>
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	This series was transferred from National Archives of Australia in February 2006.

<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	Single number system imposed by National Archives of Australia; alphabetical
<b>LISTED BY</b>	Initial listing by NAA; revised and reformatted by Caitlin Stone
<b>DATE</b>	29 February 2008

<b>Box No</b>	<b>Series No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
		<b>Correspondence with Members of the Opposition</b>	<b>1974–1975</b>
<b>1</b>	1	B [Correspondence with Peter Baume, E J Bessell and Neville Bonner relating to UK Conservative Party's youth structure, Australian Neurological Foundation, East Timor, includes 'Champion' (Liverpool-Cabramatta-Fairfield newspaper, vol 3 nos 6–7, Aug 1975)]	20 Jan 1975–5 Dec 1975
	2	C [Correspondence with A Cadman, Kevin Cairns, S Calder, Clyde Cameron, D M Cameron, Fred Chaney, D M Connolly and Sir Magnus Cormack relating to Lilley Electorate (Qld), defence policy, includes record of conversations between D M Connolly and US Department of State officials]	12 Feb 1975–12 Dec 1975
	3	D [Correspondence with G Davidson and P Drummond relating to political situation, Australian League of Rights]	22 Apr 1975–17 Nov 1975
	4	E N Drury [Correspondence relating to Ryan Electorate (Qld), includes letter from G R Watson (Shoalhaven Shire Councillor) relating to Senate refusal of supply]	29 Dec 1974–24 Nov 1975
	5	E [Correspondence with J A England and G D Erwin]	4 Apr 1975–26 Sep 1975
	6	F [Correspondence with David Fairbairn and A J Forbes, includes interim report by Opposition Committee on Parliamentary procedure for questions, papers relating to South Vietnamese refugees, Dr Forbes' decision not to seek re-election]	5 Mar 1975–19 Nov 1975
	7	G [Correspondence with B Graham, Member for North Sydney]	1 3 Jun 1975–1 Jul 1 975
	8	H [Correspondence with Steele Hall, A Hewson, J Hodges, M Hodgman, P D Hughes and J Hyde relating to possible Senate rejection of supply, appointment of P B Westerway as NSW Electoral Officer]	24 Mar 1975–9 Oct 1975
	9	J [Correspondence with A Jarman, H A Jenkins and D S Jessop]	23 Jan 1975–5 Nov 1975
	10	K [Correspondence with C R Kelly and R S King, includes papers relating to Pilkington ACI Ltd]	10 Apr 1975–14 Nov 1975
	11	L [Correspondence with B Lloyd and C E	26 Jun 1975–15 Oct 1975

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	12	M [Correspondence with Ian Macphee, W McMahon, J E Marriott and Alan Missen, includes reports on introduction of a natural disaster insurance scheme and 'Public Service and Secrecy', correspondence relating to half Senate elections, marriage preparation courses, November 1975 political situation]	21 Jan 1974–12 Dec 1975
		R [Correspondence with Philip Ruddock, includes letter from BRA Wood (Mayor of Parramatta) to E G Whitlam relating to income tax and budget strategy]	30 Jun 1975–7 Nov 1975
	14	S [Correspondence with B A Santamaria, Billy Snedden and J W Sullivan, includes papers relating to Budget confidentiality and Medibank]	5 Jul 1974–10 Nov 1975
	15	T [Notes relating to Senator M Townley]	10 Apr 1975–27 May 1975
	16	U–V [Correspondence with Ian Viner, includes article on North West Shelf gas 'Fallacies and facts', speech to Mining Club of Western Australia Turning survival to success', Liberal-National Country Party minerals and energy policy paper]	20 May 1975–11 Sep 1975
	17	W [Correspondence with J J Webster, W C Wentworth, W R Withers and I A C Wood relating to Senate election prospects, 1975-76 Budget, supply, Khemlani Loans Affair]	27 Mar 1975–27 Oct 1975
	18	Senator R C Wright [Correspondence relating to Parliamentary handling of Appropriation and Supply Bills]	24 Apr 1975–30 Oct 1975
	19	X–Y–Z [Correspondence with Senator H Young]	7 Nov 1975

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