

	THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES
NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	2007.0003 & 2011.0059 (formerly NAA M1229)
CATEGORY ACTIVITY	Community and Political, individuals Prime Ministers; Politicians; Farmers
DATE RANGE	1956–1975
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.68 metre (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). 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</p>

	<p>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; 2011
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	<p>This series of press releases was accumulated in the office of J M (Malcolm) Fraser mainly during his time as Minister for Defence (1970–71) and as Prime Minister (1975–83). Some papers, however, relate directly to his electorate interests as Member for Wannon, his second term as Minister for Education and Science (1971–72) and the eight months he was Leader of the Opposition (1975).</p> <p>The files appear to have been a master set of press statements, speeches, speech notes, radio talks and transcripts of interviews maintained by Fraser's Press staff, including David Barnett (Press Secretary, 1975–82).</p> <p>The subject coverage in the series is broad, including defence, education policy, Vietnam, election campaigns, Loans Affair, official visits and appointments, electorate and rural matters.</p>
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	The University of Melbourne Archives (UMA) holds the following items: 2–7, 11–25 part 2, 48 part 2, and 57. Other items from this series are held by the National Archives of Australia (NAA).

NOTE ON LISTING	This list has been compiled by appending the list prepared for the first transfer (2007.0003) with information prepared by NAA to accompany the later transfer in 2011 (2011.0059). The items transferred have been arranged and described as part of the Prime Ministers' Papers Project, undertaken by NAA Collection Development during August- December 2005. Folios from some items have been removed as result of access examination by the NAA in July 2011.
LISTED BY	NAA; revised and reformatted by Caitlin Stone; appended by Kim Burrell
DATE	3 April 2008

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		Press releases (speeches, statements, radio talks and interviews)	1956–1975
1	2	Radio talks (electorate) as Member for Wannon and Minister for Defence, relating to Senate election campaign, Five Power defence arrangements, rural industries.	10 March 1970–6 May 1971
ITEMS: 2007.0003.0001 - 0015			SOME ITEMS AVAILABLE ONLINE
	3	Letters on defence and foreign policy - ANU [Australian National University] staff	6 May 1971–18 May 1971
	4	Radio talks - Rural matters; includes speech on resignation as Minister for Defence	9 March 1971–27 May 1971
	5	Debates and questions - International and regional matters [Hansard extracts]	22 April 1971–5 May 1971
	6	Address to the Police Club, Adelaide	19 April 1971–19 April 1971
	7	Speeches, as Member for Wannon, Minister for Defence and Minister for Education and Science; includes speech to Sydney University Symposium 'Vietnam - Justified or Crucified?', 26 February 1968.	22 February 1956–9 November 1971
	11	Press statements [as Member for Wannon and Opposition spokesman on primary industry, labour and immigration]	7 January 1973–23 December 1973
	12	Press statements (electorate) [as Member for Wannon]	5 January 1973–15 November 1973
ITEMS: 2007.0003.0016 - 0021	13 Part 1	Speeches 1973 [as Member for Wannon, Nos. 1–21]	1 8 March 1973–20 December 1973
	13 Part 2	Speeches 1974 [as Member for Wannon and Opposition spokesman on labour and immigration, Nos. 1–50]	SOME ITEMS AVAILABLE ONLINE 14 January 1974–3 May 1974
	13 Part 3	Speeches 1974 [as Member for Wannon and Opposition spokesman on labour and immigration, Nos. 51–93]	5 May 1974–30 July 1974
2	14 Part 1	Speeches 1974 [as Member for Wannon and Opposition spokesman on labour and public service matters, Nos. 94–130, includes press statements and radio talks]	31 July 1974–17 November 1974
	14 Part 2	Speeches 1974 [as Member for Wannon and Opposition spokesman on labour and public service matters, Nos. 131–154, includes ANZAAS Congress paper 'National objectives - social, economic and political goals']	1973–22 January 1975
	15	Press statements (electorate) 1974 [as Member for Wannon, includes radio talks]	17 February 1974–23 February 1975
	16 Part 1	Press statements 1974 [as Member for Wannon and Opposition spokesman on labour and immigration, includes RMIT Founders' Day speech]	14 January 1974–1 July 1974
	16 Part 2	Press statements 1974 [as Member for	3 July 1974–23 December 1974

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		Wannon and Opposition spokesman on labour and public service matters]	
	17	Press releases and special articles [as Opposition spokesman on labour and public service matters, includes news cuttings]	11 April 1956–10 December 1974
	18	Speeches and articles 1974 [includes ANZAAS Congress paper 'National objectives: social, economic and political goals']	1 July 1974–22 January 1975
	19	Press releases 1975 [as Member for Wannon and Opposition spokesman on labour and public service matters]	8 January 1975–20 February 1975
	20 Part 1	Press releases 1975 [as Leader of the Opposition]	11 March 1975–30 April 1975
3	20 Part 2	Press releases 1975 [as Leader of the Opposition, includes speech relating to misleading of Parliament by Prime Minister E G Whitlam]	13 February 1975–30 May 1975
	20 Part 3	Press releases 1975 [as Leader of the Opposition, includes speeches]	2 June 1975–30 June 1975
	21	Press releases (electorate) 1975–1977	19 September 1975–8 September 1977
ITEMS: 2007.0003.0022 - 0033	22 Part 1	Electorate talks 1975 as Member for Wannon and Leader of the Opposition]	16 February 1975–13 November 1975 SOME ITEMS AVAILABLE ONLINE
	22 Part 2	Electorate talks and election campaign speeches	16 November 1975–7 December 1975
	22 Part 3	Press statements and election campaign speeches	8 December 1975–31 December 1975
	23 Part 1	Press releases, July-August 1975, as Leader of the Opposition, includes transcript of speech to National Press Club.	1 July 1975–26 August 1975
4	23 Part 2	Press releases, September–October 1975, as Leader of the Opposition; includes Sir Robert Menzies lecture and other addresses	1 September 1975–30 October 1975
	23 Part 3	Press releases, November 1975, as Leader of the Opposition and Prime Minister.	27 August 1975–30 November 1975
	24	Statements in Opposition, April–July 1975 [relating to Loans Affair etc.]	4 April 1975–6 July 1975
	25 Part 1	Statements in Opposition, July–August 1975	4 July 1975–19 August 1975
	25 Part 2	Statements in Opposition, August–September 1975	20 August 1975 - 29 September 1975
	48 Part 2	Electorate releases/electorate statements	16 March 1981–22 February 1983
	57	Speech notes, as Minister for Defence	c. 1970–c.1971
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