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NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	2007.0016 & 2011.0070 (formerly NAA M1342)
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers; Politicians; Farmers
DATE RANGE	1974–1982
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.85 metres (5 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</p>

	<p>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 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 Australian government's involvement in the war in Iraq, as well as of its treatment of asylum seekers.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	7 December 2006 and July 2011
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Restricted.
DESCRIPTION	<p>This series consists of correspondence relating to the Liberal Party of Australia, its Executive, State divisions and branches and was maintained by J M (Malcolm) Fraser, initially as Leader of the Opposition and then as Prime Minister. It covers the period March 1975 to December 1982 (three months before the Fraser Government was defeated in the March 1983 election), although some earlier papers are included.</p> <p>Papers relating to the Liberal Party's Executive originated from the Federal Secretariat and include Federal Council papers, minutes of meetings, reports, circulars, general correspondence and the Federal</p>

	Director (Tony Eggleton's) correspondence. The main part of the series is arranged more or less lexicographically by state or territory, with separate files for each state division, their various leaders and branches. Many of the papers were clearly processed through the Prime Minister's Office and occasionally include departmental minutes. A small number of files deal specifically with Liberal Party organisation and liaison, its Policy Review Committee and Federal Women's Committee. Others include papers relating to State conferences, the Australian Constitutional Convention in Perth (1978), sand mining on Fraser Island, Royal Commission on Human Relationships, Aboriginal affairs, legislation etc.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	This series was transferred to the University of Melbourne Archives (UMA) from the National Archives of Australia (NAA) in two consignments received in 2006 (2007.0016) and 2011 (2011.0070); items from the second consignment have been amalgamated with the first. This series was arranged and described by the NAA Prime Ministers' Papers Project undertaken in September 2005 and November 2006 and this original order is retained.
NOTE ON LISTING	This list is comprised from a list of the items transferred from NAA in 2006; it has been completed from a list created by the NAA and which accompanied documents transferred from NAA in July 2011. Items that are not listed remain in the custody of the NAA.
LISTED BY	NAA; edited and reformatted by Caitlin Stone; appended from NAA list by Kim Burrell
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Item Number	Unit/Box	Title	Date	Description
2007.0016.0001	2007.0016 Unit 1	European Democratic Union [Federal Secretariat]	October 1980-5 May 1982	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0002	2007.0016 Unit 1	[Liberal Party of Australia] Administrative Structure Review	25 February 1975-21 April 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0003	2007.0016 Unit 1	[Liberal Party of Australia] Federal Executive, Canberra 29 August 1975 - [Agenda]	15 August 1975-29 August 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0004	2007.0016 Unit 1	[Liberal Party of Australia] Joint Standing Committee on Federal Policy [agenda, minutes of meetings, discussion papers]	October 1974-20 May 1977	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0005	2007.0016 Unit 1	[Liberal Party of Australia] Joint Standing Committee, Canberra 13 July 1976- [Agenda]	13 April 1976-13 July 1976	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0006	2007.0016 Unit 1	[Liberal Party of Australia] Joint Party Meetings Agenda	15 April 1975-13 August 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0007	2007.0016 Unit 1	Liberal Party Federal Council meeting	21 August 1975-12 July 1976	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0008	2007.0016 Unit 1	Liaison with State Committees	7 May 1975-25 June 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0009	2007.0016 Unit 1	Liberal Party of Australia Agenda	7 April 1975-6 August 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0010	2007.0016 Unit 1	Liberal Party Meeting 1	7 April 1975-3 June 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0011	2007.0016 Unit 1	Marginal Electorate Committee [minutes of meetings]	22 April 1975-21 October 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0012	2007.0016 Unit 1	Liberal Party - NSW Branches	21 March 1975-11 November 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0013	2007.0016 Unit 1	Liberal Party - NSW Branches	25 March 1977-2 May 1979	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0014	2007.0016 Unit 2	State Liberal leaders - NSW	7 April 1975-7 January 1977	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party. [Includes NSW Government submission relating to National Compensation Bill 1974].
2007.0016.0015	2007.0016 Unit 2	NSW - State members	1 April 1975-10 November 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0016	2007.0016 Unit 2	State Leaders - Northern Territory	26 March 1975-17 April 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.

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2007.0016.0017	2007.0016 Unit 2	Northern Territory - State Members	30 June 1975-11 November 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0018	2007.0016 Unit 2	Liberal Party - NSW Division	1 April 1975-12 December 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0019	2007.0016 Unit 2	Liberal Party - NSW Division	5 December 1978-31 October 1979	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0020	2007.0016 Unit 2	[Liberal Party of Australia -] Pre-selection for Legislative Council of NSW	22 May 1978-18 July 1978	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0021	2007.0016 Unit 2	Liberal Party - Queensland State Branches	31 January 1975-12 December 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0022	2007.0016 Unit 2	Liberal leadership meetings	25 March 1977-30 January 1979	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0023	2007.0016 Unit 2	Party Organisation - Federal Director	8 January 1973-21 October 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0024	2007.0016 Unit 2	Party Organisation - Federal Executive	24 March 1975 -23 February 1976	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0025	2007.0016 Unit 2	Policy Review Committee	24 April 1975-18 November 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0026	2007.0016 Unit 3	Pacific Democrat Union	19 December 1981-16 December 1982	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0027	2007.0016 Unit 3	Liberal Party of Australia - Queensland Division	6 April 1975-7 December 1979	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0028	2007.0016 Unit 3	Liberal Party of Australia - Queensland Division	20 March 1980-1 December 1981	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0029	2007.0016 Unit 3	State Liberal Leaders - Queensland	15 April 1975-29 September 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party. Includes papers relating to Family Law Act 1975.
2007.0016.0030	2007.0016 Unit 3	Queensland - State Members	9 April 1975-22 November 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0031	2007.0016 Unit 3	Prime Minister - Representation on State executives etc	20 January 1976-14 November 1980	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0032	2007.0016 Unit 3	PM's Federal Council papers	1 September 1976-27 October 1976	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0033	2007.0016 Unit 3	Prime Minister's Federal Council papers	6 May 1977-15 January 1980	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0034	2007.0016 Unit 3	State Liberal Leaders - South Australian branches	undated	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.

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2007.0016.0035	2007.0016 Unit 3	South Australia - State Members	7 August 1974-26 November 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0036	2007.0016 Unit 3	State Liberal Leaders - Tasmania	8 April 1975-12 December 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0037	2007.0016 Unit 4	Liberal Party of Australia - Victorian branches	26 April 1974-12 December 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0038	2007.0016 Unit 4	Liberal Party of Australia - Victorian branches	31 January 80 -21 December 1982	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0039	2007.0016 Unit 4	Liberal party - Victorian Division	26 February 1975-5 November 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0040	2007.0016 Unit 4	Liberal Party of Australia - Victorian Division	27 January 1976-21 November 1977	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0041	2007.0016 Unit 4	Liberal Party of Australia - Victorian Division	16 December 1977-26 March 1979	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0042	2007.0016 Unit 4	Liberal Party of Australia - Victorian Division	15 April 1979-28 December 1979	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0043	2007.0016 Unit 5	Liberal Party of Australia - Victorian Division	1 December 1979-7 December 1981	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0044	2007.0016 Unit 5	State Liberal Leaders - Victoria	23 April 1975-12 December 1975	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0045	2007.0016 Unit 5	Victoria - State Members	21 February 1975-30 May 1977	Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0046	2007.0016 Unit 5	Federal Executive, Perth, 23 April 1976	14 April 1976-13 January 1979	Agenda and Minutes of meetings. Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0047	2007.0016 Unit 5	Western Australia - State members	12 August 1974-August 1975	Agenda and Minutes of meetings. Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0048	2007.0016 Unit 5	State Liberal Leaders - Western Australia	6 May 1975-10 November 1975	Agenda and Minutes of meetings. Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.
2007.0016.0049	2007.0016 Unit 5	Liberal Party - Liaison between organisational and parliamentary wings	17 February 1976-6 July 1977	Agenda and Minutes of meetings. Correspondence with the Federal Secretariat, State divisions of Liberal Party.

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2007.0016.0050	2007.0016 Unit 5	Liberal Party of Australia - Federal Director's correspondence. includes analysis of 1975 election, Victorian Division finances 1977, a commissioned Morgan national poll to identify potential swinging voters and right wing extremism in NSW (1978), assessment papers relating to D L Lynch Trust]	16 December 1975-15 March 1979	Correspondence - Federal Director's; includes analysis of 1975 election, Victorian Division finances 1977, a commissioned Morgan national poll to identify potential swinging voters and right wing extremism in NSW dated 1978, assessment papers relating to the D L Lynch Trust.