

Reference Number: **2007.0030**

Collection/Series Title: **FRASER, JOHN MALCOLM**

Creator	Fraser, John Malcolm
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Politicians - Farmers - Prime ministers
Creator's Historical Note (John) Malcolm Fraser was born on 21 May 1930 in Melbourne. The Fraser family lived in NSW before moving to 'Nareen', a sheep station in western Victoria, in 1943. Malcolm Fraser attended Tudor House School in NSW (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). Malcolm Fraser was elected Liberal member for Wannon in Western Victoria in 1955. He gained his first Cabinet post as Minister for the Army in 1966 and later became Minister for Education and Science (1968-1969 and 1971-1972) and Minister for Defence (1969-1971). He became leader of the Liberal Party in March 1975, and in November was appointed caretaker Prime Minister following the dismissal of the Whitlam government. He served as Prime Minister until 1983. Following his political career, Malcolm Fraser has maintained a role in world affairs, as Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group on 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, non-religious overseas aid organisation. In 1997 he led a Commonwealth Observer Mission to Pakistan to monitor the national elections. Malcolm Fraser remained actively interested in issues such as human rights and the rule of law until his death on 20 March 2015.	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1971-1983
Size/Extent	0.17 metres (1 box)
Access Conditions	Access: Open
Scope and Content of Collection/Series Papers relating mainly to the personal, election and travel expenses of J M (Malcolm) Fraser during his Prime Ministership. His electorate secretary maintained the records in the Prime Minister's Office. They cover the period from November 1975 ('Caretaker' Government) to March 1983 (the end of Mr Fraser's term in office), although some papers date back to June 1971. The series includes Mr Fraser's electoral expense claim forms (1971-76), travelling allowance claim forms (1975-83), papers relating to travel entitlements for spouse and dependent children, campaign programs for the October 1980 Federal election, lists of Liberal Party poll workers and some congratulatory messages from constituents following that election. The series also includes Department of Defence procedures for handling Parliamentary, Ministerial and Cabinet papers, as well as various newspaper clippings on the March 1983 election loss. Two items are currently held at the National Archives of Australia (see list for details). Formerly National Archives of Australia series M2196.	
Collection Category	Community and Political, individuals
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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2007.0030 Unit 1	2007.0030.0000 1	Electoral expense returns, 1971-1976	c.June 1971 -22 March 1976	Schedules, claim forms etc. Previous control number 1
2007.0030 Unit 1	2007.0030.0000 2	Prime Ministers traveling allowances	November 1975-9 February 1983	Claim for payment forms. Previous control number 2
2007.0030 Unit 1	2007.0030.0000 3	Papers relating to the 1980 Federal elections	7 October 1980-16 January 1981	Includes campaign programs, congratulatory messages from constituents, lists of Liberal Party poll workers and master set of post-election thank you letters. Previous control number 5
2007.0030 Unit 1	2007.0030.0000 4	Post-election Liberal Party clips	6 March 1983 -17 March 1983	Australian newspapers response to March 1983 election. Previous control number 6

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