

Reference Number: **2007.0006**

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

<b>Creator</b>	Fraser, John Malcolm
<b>Creator's Activity/Occupation</b>	Politicians - Farmers - Prime ministers
<b>Creator's Historical Note</b>  (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.	
<b>Date Range of Collection/Series</b>	1973-1975
<b>Size/Extent</b>	0.08 metres (1 box)
<b>Access Conditions</b>	Access: Open
<b>Scope and Content of Collection/Series</b>  Invitations and related correspondence. This series mainly comprises correspondence relating to invitations received by J M (Malcolm) Fraser as Prime Minister (November 1975-March 1983), although there are also some invitations received following his election as Leader of the Opposition in March 1975. From 1979, the invitations are divided into acceptances and refusals, by state or territory; and those for which representatives were nominated in chronological order. From 1981, there are separate files for overseas invitations. The use of blue file covers for acceptances and red for refusals is inconsistent, and several gaps appear in the chronological sequence. Some electorate invitations are included in the series. One item only is currently held at the University of Melbourne Archives (see list for details). Formerly National Archives of Australia series M1258.	
<b>Collection Category</b>	Community and Political, individuals
<b>This document dated</b>	26/03/2018

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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2007.0006 Unit 1	2007.0006.0000 1	Invitations and related correspondence	7 November 1973-20 October 1975	Defunct invitations from Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, South Australia, Northern Territory, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania; includes some replies. Previous control number 2 PART 1

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