

Reference Number: **2006.0020**

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

Creator	Fraser, John Malcolm
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Politicians - Farmers - Prime ministers
Creator's Historical Note <p>(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.</p>	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1974-1975
Size/Extent	0.17 metres (1 box)
Access Conditions	Access: Open
Scope and Content of Collection/Series <p>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 relate to the Opposition period rather than the month Mr Fraser was caretaker Prime Minister. The correspondence covers a range of subjects, including Parliamentary handling of key issues such as 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 Mr Fraser's colleagues (e.g. Dr A J Forbes, Ian Macphree, 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 ACT Ltd and secondary industries in North West Tasmania are also included. Formerly National Archives of Australia series M1358.</p>	
Collection Category	Community and Political, individuals
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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0000 1	Correspondence with Members of	20 January 1975-5 December 1975	Correspondence with Peter Baume, E J Bessell and Neville Bonner relating to UK Conservative Partys youth structure, Australian Neurological Foundation, East Timor, includes Champion (Liverpool-Cabramatta-Fa irfield newspaper, vol. 3 nos 67, August 1975). Previous control number 1
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0000 2	Correspondence with Members of	12 February 1975-12 December 1975	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. Previous control number 2
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0000 3	Correspondence with Members of	22 April 1975-17 November 1975	Correspondence with G Davidson and P Drummond relating to political situation, Australian League of Rights. Previous control number 3
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0000 4	E N Drury	29 December 1974-24 November 1975	Correspondence relating to Ryan Electorate (Qld), includes letter from G R Watson (Shoalhaven Shire Councillor) relating to Senate refusal of supply. Previous control number 4
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0000 5	Correspondence with Members of	4 April 1975 -26 September 1975	Correspondence with J A England and G D Erwin. Previous control number 5

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2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0000 6	Correspondence with Members of	5 March 1975-19 November 1975	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. Previous control number 6
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0000 7	Correspondence with Members of	13 June 1975-1 July 1975	Correspondence with B Graham, Member for North Sydney. Previous control number 7
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0000 8	Correspondence with Members of	24 March 1975-9 October 1975	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. Previous control number 8
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0000 9	Correspondence with Members of	23 January 1975-5 November 1975	Correspondence with A Jarman, H A Jenkins and D S Jessop. Previous control number 9
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 0	Correspondence with Members of	10 April 1975-14 November 1975	Correspondence with C R Kelly and R S King, includes papers relating to Pilkington ACI Ltd. Previous control number 10
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 1	Correspondence with Members of	26 June 1975-15 October 1975	Correspondence with B Lloyd and C E Lucock. Previous control number 11

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2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 2	Correspondence with Members of	21 January 1974-12 December 1975	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. Previous control number 12
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 3	Correspondence with Members of	30 June 1975-7 November 1975	Correspondence with Philip Ruddock, includes letter from BRA Wood (Mayor of Parramatta) to E G Whitlam relating to income tax and budget strategy. Previous control number 13
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 4	Correspondence with Members of	5 Jul 1974 -10 November 1975	Correspondence with B A Santamaria, Billy Snedden and J W Sullivan, includes papers relating to Budget confidentiality and Medibank. Previous control number 14
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 5	Correspondence with Members of	10 April 1975-27 May 1975	Notes relating to Senator M Townley. Previous control number 15
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 6	Correspondence with Members of	20 May 1975-11 September 1975	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. Previous control number 16

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2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 7	Correspondence with Members of	27 March 1975-27 October 1975	Correspondence with J J Webster, W C Wentworth, W R Withers and I A C Wood relating to Senate election prospects, 1975-1976 Budget, supply, Khemlani Loans Affair. Previous control number 17
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 8	Senator R C Wright	24 April 1975 -30 October 1975	Correspondence relating to Parliamentary handling of Appropriation and Supply Bills. Previous control number 18
2006.0020 Unit 1	2006.0020.0001 9	Correspondence with Members of	7 November 1975	Correspondence with Senator H Young. Previous control number 19
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