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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	1975-1975
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Scope and Content of Collection/Series

Representations received by J M (Malcolm) Fraser as Leader of the Opposition relating to the Whitlam Labor Government's proposed legislation to establish an Australian Government Insurance Office (AGIO) and amend the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme. The Australian Government Insurance Office Bill (1975) was introduced into the House of Representatives on 23 April 1975 and given its second reading on 15 May. It passed to the Senate on 3 June and was further debated on 20-21 August, after which the Bill finally lapsed. It had prompted considerable protest by members of the public, Liberal Party branches, some businesses and those working in the Insurance industry. It was perceived by some as an attempt to nationalise the industry, thereby creating a government monopoly in competition with hundreds of existing insurance companies. The several thousands of representations in this series, and the timing of them (most are dated late April to late May), suggest that the legislation was the first major issue for which Mr Fraser gained significant public support as Leader of the Opposition. Some letters also complain more generally about the Whitlam Labor Government and offer Mr Fraser best wishes for success. Formerly National Archives of Australia series M445.

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