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Records Description List

Reference Number: **2007.0027**

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

Creator	Fraser, John Malcolm
Creator's Activity/Occupatio	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	1979-1979
Size/Extent	0.17 metres (1 box)
Access Conditions	Access: Open

Scope and Content of Collection/Series

Media statements by the Leader of the Opposition, W G (Bill) Hayden. This series of media statements was accumulated in the Prime Minister's Office during the Prime Ministership of J M (Malcolm) Fraser. The records appear to have been maintained by Mr Fraser's Press Office staff and cover the period of his third Ministry (January to December 1979). The subject coverage is broad and includes economic policy and management; unemployment; petrol prices; manufacturing industry; wage indexation; health services; etc. A transcript of an ABC TV interview by Richard Carleton with Treasurer John Howard and Bill Hayden ('Nationwide', 24 May 1979) is also included in the series. The folders contain copies of press releases and transcripts of interviews; broadcasts and speeches with papers filed in chronological order. A list inside the front cover of item [1] allocates a number to some but not all of the statements. Formerly National Archives of Australia series M1379.

Collection Category	Community and Political, individuals
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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2007.0027 Unit 1	2007.0027.00001	Media statements, press releases, interviews, broadcasts and speeches by the Leader of the Opposition, Bill Hayden, 18 January15 March 1979	18 January 1979-15 March 1979	Relating to the economy, employment, petrol prices, restructuring of the manufacturing industry, unemployment, etc. Includes a chronological list of Haydens statements. Previous control number 1
2007.0027 Unit 1	2007.0027.00002	Media statements, press releases, interviews, broadcasts and speeches by the Leader of the Opposition, Bill Hayden, 16 March to 30 June 1979	16 March 1979-27 June 1979	Relates to wage indexation, Middle East, oil prices, unemployment, ethnic minorities, etc. Includes transcript of ABC TV interview by Richard Carleton with Treasurer John Howard and Bill Hayden (Nationwide, 24 May 1979). Previous control number 2
2007.0027 Unit 1	2007.0027.00003	Media statements, press releases, interviews, broadcasts and speeches by the Leader of the Opposition, Bill Hayden, 2 July to 31 December 1979	2 July 1979 -31 December 1979	Relates to economic policy, wage indexation, health service, medical insurance, family allowances, fuel prices, retail sales tax, etc. Previous control number 3

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