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Malcolm Fraser Collection: Conservation and environment

Some major environmental issues came to a head during the government of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser (1975-1983). These include whaling, uranium mining and national parks.

This guide aims to provide an introduction to records relating to conservation and the environment in the Malcolm Fraser Collection.

Australian Conservation Foundation

The Australian Conservation Foundation was formally established in 1966. Malcolm Fraser was one of its founding members. The Malcolm Fraser Collection includes the following records relating to the establishment and work of the ACF:

- **Accession number 107/23 Subject files maintained by J M (Malcolm) Fraser**
File 19: Australian Conservation Foundation [includes constitution, membership card], 9 Jul 1965-4 Jan 1967
- **Accession number 107/23 Subject files maintained by J M (Malcolm) Fraser**
File 39: Conservation [relates to establishment of Australian Conservation Foundation, includes *Training and education in conservation* by E C F Bird], 28 Feb 1964-17 Feb 1966
- **Accession number 107/8 Speech notes, addressed, articles and related papers**
File 72: Environment and conservation [papers relating to Australian Conservation Foundation, flora and fauna etc, includes *Habitat* magazine (vol. 1, no 2, September 1973) and *Wildlife Conservation: Report from the House of Representatives Select Committee* (October 1972)], Oct 1972-10 Apr 1974

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

- **Conservation and heritage initiatives, Radio electorate talk, 1 November 1981**
<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/malcolmfraser/speeches/electorate/1nov1981.html>

National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Bill 1974

- **Accession number 106/22 Correspondence between J M (Malcolm) Fraser as Leader of the Opposition and members of his Shadow Ministry**
File 40: Snedden Shadow Cabinet - Meetings, July-October 1974 [agenda, papers relating to economic conditions, Statute Law Revision Act, joint sittings, National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Bill 1974, Tasmanian industries, Opposition Parliamentary committees], 13 Dec 1973-29 Oct 1974

Sandmining

- **Accession number 106/24 Subject files maintained by J M (Malcolm) Fraser as Leader of the Opposition**
File 20: Fraser Island [sandmining and effect on Opposition environmental policy], 6 Mar 1975-4 Nov 1975

Uranium

- **Accession number 106/15 General correspondence maintained as Leader of the Opposition, first series**
File 6 Part 1: Correspondence F [C Face-W F and N W Flynn, includes representations from Federated Clerks Union relating to uranium ban, Festival of Light (Victoria) relating to Family Law Bill 1974, newspaper cuttings], 18 Nov 1974-20 Aug 1975

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- **Accession number 107/8 Speech notes, addresses, articles and related papers**
File 99: Press Conference (Canberra), 20 May 1975 [relating to Family Law Bill, age pension, export, uranium mining etc.], 20 May 1975

Whales and whaling

- **Accession number 106/24 Subject files maintained by J M (Malcolm) Fraser as Leader of the Opposition**
File 45: Whaling, 23 Aug 1973-5 Jun 1975
- **Ministerial statement on whales and whaling, 4 April 1979**
<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/malcolmfraser/speeches/parliamentary/whaling.html>

General

- **Conservation and heritage initiatives, Radio electorate talk, 1 November 1981**
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Access

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