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Topic: Brian Manning

Senator Xenophon, Nick asked:

The NLA holds the Papers and some audio interviews with the late Brian Manning. What access restrictions govern them?

Answer:

The NLA does not hold the papers of Brian Manning. A small selection of letters written by Brian Manning are held within the papers of Denis Freney (MS 9535). These letters are interspersed with other correspondence received by Freney in Series 1 “Correspondence, 1965-1995” which is arranged chronologically, rather than by author. Access to all of Series 1 is restricted (ie the donor’s permission is required to access the collection), in accordance with conditions set by the collection donor.

Access to interviews in the National Library’s Oral History collection is governed by conditions determined by the interviewee. Brian Manning stipulated that access to his oral history interview may not be given until ten years from the date of the interview, without his prior written permission. The interview was recorded in January 2008 and so will not become generally accessible until January 2018. During his lifetime, Mr Manning permitted access to the interview by two researchers. Following his death, the Library will honour the access conditions he specified in the formal agreement with the Library.