



“I fully accept that Australians will have different opinions of my government’s performance and of my leadership, but these views and assessments will be more compelling and persuasive when based on public records as well as media reporting and political commentary.”



The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House is a living museum of social and political history.

HOURS

Monday – Sunday, 9am – 5pm (closed Christmas Day)
The Howard Library is free after entry to the Museum of Australian Democracy

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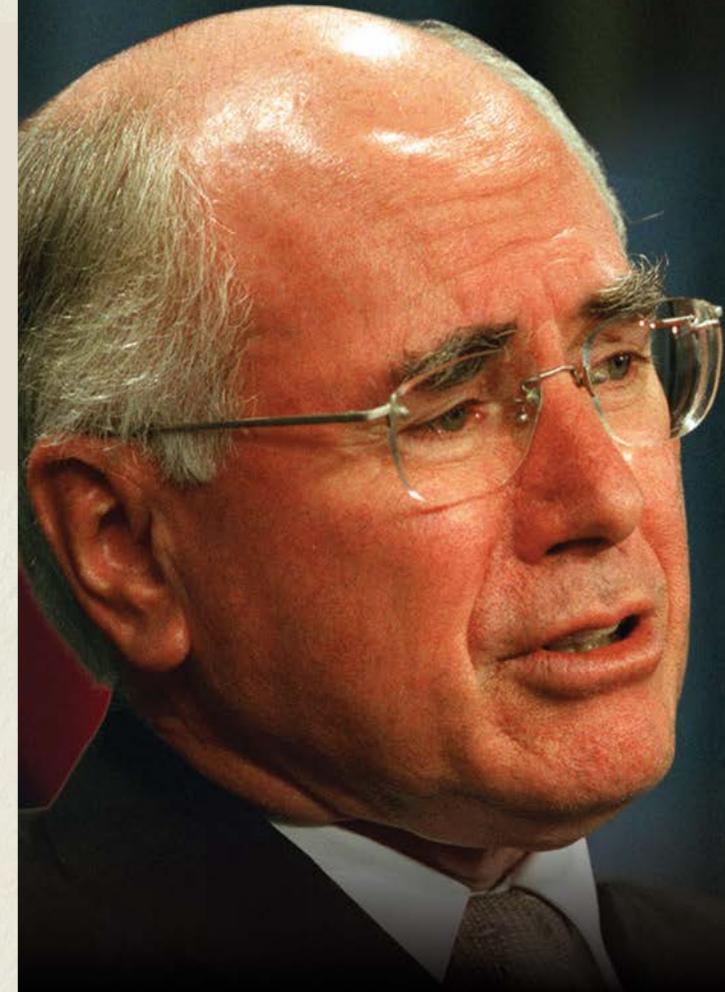


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The **CONTEST** of **IDEAS**

An apolitical and non-partisan collection
from John Howard’s political career

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In keeping with the philosophy of his close friend and mentor Sir John Carrick, John Howard views politics as a contest of ideas and values and sees the purpose of this collection as being a place that highlights the challenges and priorities of his government.

Hosted by UNSW Canberra, the Howard Library is an apolitical and non-partisan university initiative, supporting research on the Howard Government's policies and performance.



EXPLORE

Discover the inner workings of John Howard's Government as he navigated a decade of monumental upheaval including the key moments that defined his prime ministership.



VISIT

The Howard Library houses more than 10,000 items of personal papers, official records, political memorabilia, photographs and documents from John Howard's political career, from 1974 to 2007.



RESEARCH

In addition to the Library, items from the Howard Collection at UNSW Canberra can be accessed via the John Howard Reading Room at the Academy Library on campus or online.

HIGHLIGHTS

1996 GUN BUY-BACK SCHEME

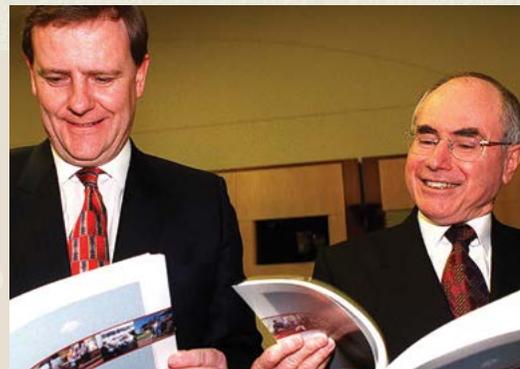
Following the mass shooting at Port Arthur, Prime Minister John Howard announced a scheme for uniform gun laws throughout Australia. A buy-back of privately owned firearms was funded by a special levy on taxpayers.



I don't think there's any reason on Earth why people should have access to automatic and semiautomatic weapons unless they're in the military or in the police

2000 INTRODUCTION OF THE GST

A goods and services tax was introduced as part of the Howard Government's tax reform program aimed at redressing the effects of declining revenue from income tax.



We're doing it because it is the right thing for the nation



2001 THE TAMPA CONTROVERSY

A Norwegian ship rescued 433 refugees fleeing repressive regimes in Afghanistan and the Middle East from their sinking boat in the Indian Ocean.



We will decide who comes to this country and the circumstances in which they come

2003 WAR ON IRAQ

In March 2003, Australia joined the US-led 'Multinational force in Iraq' in sending 2000 troops and naval units to support in the invasion of Iraq.



I don't believe sitting on the sidelines is either good for Australia nor do I believe it has ever really been the Australian way

2005 ANTI-TERRORISM ACT

In the wake of a series of terrorist attacks overseas, the Anti-Terrorism Act 2005 was passed by the Australian Parliament with the intention of hampering potential terrorists in the country.

