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Physical description

A three scene black and white cartoon entitled 'Federation'. The first scene shows a man with his hands on his hips looking at a man on a ladder with balloons next to him and the dates 1901-2001 above him. The first man has a speech bubble that reads 'WHADDA / YOU LOT / CELEBRATIN' / NOW?' The second scene shows a silhouette of a man on a ladder with his mouth open and a man standing next to him. The speech bubble from the man on the ladder reads 'OUR FREEDOM, / DIVERSITY, SELF- / DETERMINATION, / LAWS, HISTORY?' The third scene shows a man with an Aboriginal flag on his shirt walking away from a man on a ladder with balloons and text next to him. The speech bubble from the walking man reads 'SOUNDS A LOT / LIKE WE HAD / BEFORE YOUR / MOB COME HERE'.

The artist's name is in the bottom right corner.

Statement of significance

This collection consists of 150 political cartoons collected under the auspices of the National Museum's 2001 National political Humour Competition. There are 41 different artists represented in the collection including Alan Moir, Peter Nicholson, Geoff Pryor, Cathy Wilcox, Sean Leahy, Bruce Petty, Dean Alston and Ward O'Neil. The cartoons provide a satirical record of the major events and personalities in Australian politics in 2001. Major topics addressed within the collection include the 2001 election, asylum seekers (including the Tampa controversy) and the war in Afghanistan. There are examples from all major metropolitan newspapers as well as material from regional publications. There are traditional black and white editorial and pocket cartoons as well as colour illustrations and caricatures. Taken together the collection provides an archive of Australian political events in 2001 and demonstrate the quality of Australian cartooning and illustration.

Object information

 What

Type [Cartoons](#)

Collection [Political Humour Competition 2001 collection](#)

Dimensions W 298mm x H 210mm

Material [Paper](#)

 When

Date of publication [2001](#)

Associated period [1901-2001](#)
100 years of Australian federation.

Date of event [2001](#)

 Who

Cartoonist [Mr Mark Lynch](#)

Publisher [The Courier Mail](#)

 Where

Place of publication [Brisbane, Queensland, Australia](#)

Place of event [Old Parliament House, Parkes, Canberra, Australian Capital Territor...](#)
This cartoon was displayed in the Bringing the House Down exhibition at Old Parliament House in 2001

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