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Dear Mr French,

Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2018 on the review of freedom of expression and intellectual inquiry.

I am writing to advise that your Review Secretariat will be able to locate all of the relevant material from Macquarie University on our website, starting with the *Academic Senate Statement on Academic Freedom* and with related documents linked to our *Academic Integrity Policy*. There are no relevant non-confidential reviews which the University has undertaken in this area.

The Macquarie University Academic Senate has resolved to undertake an inquiry into academic freedom as a special project in 2019.

You will see from the *Academic Senate Statement on Academic Freedom* that academic freedom 'is fundamental to the values that Macquarie University upholds and strives to cultivate in the wider society'. With that in mind, I have recently joined other Australian Vice-Chancellors in restating 'our enduring commitment to academic freedom and intellectual inquiry [as well as] our enduring commitment to freedom of expression on our campuses and among our staff and students'.

I wish you well with your Review and would of course be happy to provide any further information you might need.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bruce Dowton'.

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