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Dear Mr French

I refer to your letter dated 4 December 2018, seeking information to inform the Review of Freedom of Speech in High Education and enclosing its Terms of Reference.

The South Australian Department for Education is not aware of any specific state legislation that restricts freedom of speech in the South Australian university context.

I am advised there may be a number of state laws that impose restrictions on freedom of speech in certain circumstances, for example laws related to defamation, offensive conduct, indecency etc. However, it is not clear that these laws impact on the activities of universities and their staff and students and I do not consider this to be within the intended scope of the review.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Review of Freedom of Speech in High Education.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John Gardner'.

Hon John Gardner MP
Minister for Education

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