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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter dated 8 February 2019 enclosing the draft model code for freedom of speech in higher education.

As it is intended that the code may be adopted by higher education providers with or without modification, I will leave to the institutions themselves to reflect on specific wording in the code, as they are in the best position to judge the applicability of the code to their own circumstances.

If there is consideration in the future to mandating a code of conduct in this area, any decision will be made by the Western Australian Government, which is responsible for legislating with respect to universities.

I am pleased to have provided my views for your consideration in my previous correspondence to you on this matter dated 10 January 2019. I am happy for that response and this letter to be published on the relevant departmental website.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to contribute to the Review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sue Ellery'.

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