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Dear Mr French

Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education Providers

Thank you for your letter of 8 February 2018 to the Higher Education Standards Panel (Panel), regarding the Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education Providers. I appreciate the advice you provided in your correspondence and thank you for the invitation to provide comments on the Draft Model Code.

As Chair of the Panel, I do not think it is appropriate to provide a submission at this time, given the Panel will have a formal role to consider the implications in relation to the Education Standards Framework of any recommendations stemming from the review.

I look forward to receiving the final review findings and recommendations in due course.

Yours sincerely

Professor Ian O'Connor AC
Chair, Higher Education Standards Panel

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