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The Hon Robert S French AC  
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Dear Robert,

I write in response to your correspondence of 8 February 2019 to Professor Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity. Professor Sherlock is currently on research leave and I am responding on behalf of the University as Acting Vice-Chancellor.

Thank you for the draft Model Code which you provided and on which you sought comment in relation to its appropriateness as a resource for the sector – I can confirm that, in principle, the University of Divinity is supportive of the draft Model Code.

Further to Professor Sherlock's input on 13 December 2018, I am now able to advise that, at the University's Academic Board meeting last Friday, 15 February 2019, the Board approved a new *Academic Integrity Policy* which underscores the University's commitment to academic freedom.

The University has no objection to this response and the previous one provided by Professor Sherlock being published on the departmental website after the publication of your final report.

I wish you well in completing the Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education Providers.

Yours sincerely,

Gabrielle McMullen

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Dear Colleague

Please see attached a letter and a Draft Model Code from the Hon Robert French AC in relation to the Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education Providers.

Your response would be greatly appreciated by close of business Friday 22 February 2019.

Kind regards

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