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Dear Dr French

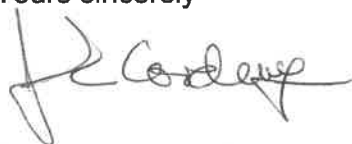
I refer to your letter of 8 February 2019, and the Draft Model Code which you have provided.

We are broadly supportive of the principles underlying the Draft Code, although we concur with your observation that there is not a 'free speech crisis' in the Higher Education Sector, and believe that Curtin's current institutional framework and instruments adequately support both freedom of expression and academic freedom.

In response to your request for detailed feedback on the Draft Model Code by 22 February 2019, we regret that we are not in a position to be able to do so within the constraints provided by such a short timeframe. Given the significance of these issues for our university community and the sector as a whole, we would wish to consult comprehensively with our own staff and other key stakeholders before responding to such a request. Should the opportunity arise, however, Curtin would welcome the opportunity to provide comment on future drafts.

We do not have an objection to this response, as well as our response dated 15 January 2019, being published on the departmental website after publication of the final Report.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Vice-Chancellor

