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Dear Mr French

I refer to your letter dated 8 February 2019, enclosing a copy of the Draft Model Code of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education Providers.

I commend your work to create a code which is compliant with existing legislative and regulatory structures, while clarifying and reinforcing vital protections for staff, students and visitors of universities. The quality of learning and research that our higher education providers foster is critical to South Australia's social and economic prosperity, as is the existence of challenging but safe environments in which scholars can pursue these activities.

I have no objection to this letter, or my letter dated 20 December 2018, being publicly available on the Department for Education and Training's website following the publication of the final report.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue our involvement in the Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education Providers.

Yours sincerely

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

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