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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter dated 4 December 2018 and the opportunity to provide input into the Review of Freedom of Speech, announced by the Hon Dan Tehan MP, Commonwealth Government Minister for Education on 14 November 2018.

Legislation within my administrative responsibility which may be of relevance to the review includes the *Higher Education Act*, *Charles Darwin University Act* and the *Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Act*, as well as any Regulations and By-Laws established under these pieces of legislation. Whilst these pieces of legislation focus on establishment, operation and administration of higher education institutions in the Northern Territory (NT), they provide for the establishment of by-laws, such as those pertaining to staff and student conduct, which may be of relevance to the review and are publicly available at <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/>.

I understand that Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education have been contacted as part of your stakeholder consultation, along with other higher education providers in Australia.

I am advised that there are no known additional administrative policies or principles, adopted by the NT Government, that relate to higher education providers beyond these Acts.

I look forward to being able to provide comment on the Higher Education Standards Framework and the draft Model Code further into the review process.

Yours sincerely

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