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Dear Dr French

I write in response to your letter of 29 November in which you requested information relevant to your review of university policies supporting freedom of expression and intellectual inquiry. I note you have requested information that is not on the public record or easily accessible on the University of Western Australia's website.

I am confident that you are well aware of the University of Western Australia's relevant statutes, rules, regulations, by-laws and policies, and that these are available to you on the UWA website. If you or your team have any difficulties in accessing any of this information, my office is more than happy to assist.

You are also aware that pursuant to an August 2018 resolution of UWA's Academic Board I have appointed a Freedom of Expression Working Group to recommend to the Academic Board and Senate an articulation of UWA's values and position in relation to freedom of speech issues. The Working Group will consult widely with students, staff and alumni, and I anticipate an initial report from them in the first quarter of 2019.

The Group of Eight will be providing you with a more substantial submission addressing the topics of your review, and I encourage you to consider that submission thoroughly.

I wish you all the best as you conduct this important work.

Yours sincerely

Professor Dawn Freshwater
Vice-Chancellor