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The Hon Robert S French AC  
Chancellor  
The University of Western Australia

By email: [freedomofspeechreview@education.gov.au](mailto:freedomofspeechreview@education.gov.au)

Dear Chancellor

I refer to your letter dated 8 February 2019 with respect to the Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education Providers and the Draft Model Code.

Thank you for the work you have undertaken on this to date and for your continued commitment to engaging with the sector throughout the process. Unfortunately, Notre Dame will not be in a position to provide you with feedback on the proposed Model Code by 22 February 2019, and we are grateful that you have indicated in your letter that there is some leeway in this date. We trust that a further week (until Friday 1 March 2019) is acceptable.

The University consents to our letter dated 20 December 2018 being published on the departmental website, however, we do object to the attachment to that letter (listing Notre Dame policies/ documents) being published. Unless indicated otherwise in future correspondence, we consent to our future correspondence being published on the Department website.

Yours sincerely



**Professor Celia Hammond**  
**Vice Chancellor**

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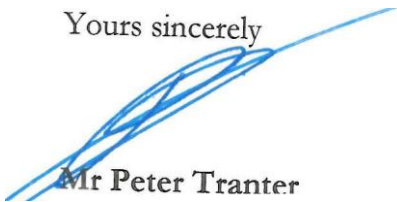
I refer to your letter dated 8 February 2019 with respect to the independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Higher Education and the Draft Model Code. The University of Notre Dame Australia is grateful for the opportunity to provide you with feedback on the Model Code.

As stated previously, we appreciate the collaborative spirit with which you are conducting this review and your stated acknowledgement of respect for legitimate institutional autonomy in undertaking the review. We also, however, agree with each of the concerns raised by Universities Australia in the statement of 26 February 2019 and would respectfully adopt these within our own feedback.

As stated in our letter dated 20 December 2018, there are differences in the establishing acts of parliament (or other foundation documents) of universities in Australia, as well as differences in the character, mission and strategies of each university, which may impact upon (or be impacted by) the issues under consideration. In our view it is of critical importance that the Model Code does not inadvertently inhibit any university from fulfilling its legislated objects or undermine the diversity of the Australian university sector in any way - a result which would limit the choice and opportunity available to students and be detrimental to the overall quality of the sector.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any further assistance we can provide.

Yours sincerely



Mr Peter Tranter

Acting Vice Chancellor