

**The Australian National University
Attestation Statement
Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom
Annual Report 2022**

The ANU has a [policy](#) that upholds freedom of speech and academic freedom as paramount values, as required under the French Model Code. The ANU maintains an institutional environment in which freedom of speech and academic freedom are upheld and protected. The ANU addresses questions in relation to the management of academic freedom and freedom of speech issues promptly, actively, and in good faith.

Managing freedom of speech and academic freedom in 2022

The ANU routinely receives a small number of freedom of speech and academic freedom oriented complaints via existing ANU channels including the Deans of Staff and Students. All formal complaints in 2022 were addressed in accordance with the University's [Staff](#) and [Student](#) Grievance Resolution Policies and Procedures and with reference to the [Staff](#) and [Student](#) Codes of Conduct.

In 2022 the Academic Board initiated an annual academic freedom report for review and discussion of formal complaints concerning issues of freedom of speech and academic freedom over the course of the year. This report was discussed at the sixth meeting of the Academic Board in 2022 on 29 November. This annual report will be a helpful way to monitor issues, should they arise and any trends that might emerge.

Also in 2022, the Vice-Chancellor asked the ANU Academic Board to initiate an expert advisory group to give advice on the Academic Freedom Policy initiated in 2021 and to be available to review any potential policy issues arising. The group met once in 2022 to discuss the application of policy in relation to student matters and found that the policy was robust and becoming well integrated into the ANU policy suite.