



- Academic Board with a baseline summary of the issues that may amount to a risk to academic freedom. RDUG will prioritise these issues to assist in the University's responses and actions, and monitor them accordingly.

The results of this consultation will be presented to Academic Board at its first meeting on 15 March 2022 and inform continuing work over 2022.

## **Managing freedom of speech and academic freedom in 2021**

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 2021 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. From 2022 the University will compile a list of all formal complaints concerning issues of freedom of speech and academic freedom.

In 2021, academic freedom was specifically articulated as a fundamental value upon which the [ANU2025 strategic plan](#) is founded. Throughout the year, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and senior leaders at the University have publicly expressed the central value of academic freedom in ANU-wide forums and in the national and international press.

In July 2021, a matter was reported in media outlets that a student association had 'disinvited' specific groups to market day on ANU campus. ANU initiated an independent investigation of this claim and found that this had not happened. No group was disinvited and no violation of academic freedom or freedom of speech had occurred. This provided another valuable opportunity to raise awareness about academic freedom and freedom of speech on campus.

Further, a campus-wide open forum with invited international guests will be held in 2022 to further raise awareness about a value fundamental to being a member of the ANU community.

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