



Senator Katy Gallagher

Shadow Minister for Finance
Shadow Minister for the Public Service
Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate
Senator for the Australian Capital Territory

Eden Lim
ANUSA President 2019
Australian National University Students' Association (ANUSA)
Level 2 Di Riddell Student Centre,
University Avenue
Kambri ANU
Action ACT 2601

Email: sa.admin@anu.edu.au

Dear Eden

Thank you for contacting me about the recent raids on News Corporation's Annika Smethurst's home, as well as the ABC, by the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

Like you, I was deeply concerned about these events and what they mean for our democracy.

Freedom of the press is at the core of our democratic society and is vital to holding the Government to account. Labor is committed to defending this fundamental democratic right.

It is a constant challenge to strike a balance between national security and the openness democracy demands.

These recent events demand that we, as parliamentarians, look with fresh eyes to consider whether the balance has tipped too far, whether laws are being used as intended and, if not, how those laws could be changed.

Labor has been in Opposition since 2013 and there has been a raft of national security laws passed by the Australian Parliament since the Liberals were elected. Labor can move amendments, and has done so, but ultimately it is up to the Government to take leadership on these issues.

Labor is determined to hold the Government to account on this issue, and I am grateful for the ANU Students' Association sharing its concerns with me.

Thank you again for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



Katy Gallagher

Senator for the ACT

 August 2019