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Dear Professor Pretorius

Thank you for your letter dated 20 October 2025, asking what information the ARC agrees to the University sharing with Dr Abdel-Fattah at this stage.

The ARC agrees that the University can advise Dr Abdel-Fattah that:

Given the complexity of the matters covered in the Research Integrity Preliminary Assessment Report, the ARC has referred the matter to its Research Integrity Review Committee to review the outcome of the Preliminary Assessment, in accordance with the ARC's [Research Integrity Policy](#).

The ARC will respond to Macquarie University as soon as possible once the Research Integrity Review Committee has conducted its review, anticipated to be early December.

Best wishes,

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This artwork created by Mr Greg Joseph of the Yidinji People and is a vibrant expression of shared stories and reconciliation. Mr Joseph worked with ARC staff in collaborative workshops to bring the elements to life. Created by many hands – a lasting symbol of our learning journey together.





