



## Energy Story Research - Participant Information Sheet (for adults)

### Researcher:

Hello, I'm Dr Bjorn Sturmberg from the Australian National University (ANU) Battery Storage and Grid Integration Program (BSGIP). You have the option to take part in research about this energy story.

### Project Title:

Energy story research

### General Outline of the Project:

- **Description and Methodology:** This research aims to understand your response to a story about energy. Data will be gathered through surveys and optional follow-up interviews.
- **Participants:** anyone attending a reading of an energy story (100+ people); people under 18 must have consent of a parent/guardian to participate.
- **Use of Data and Feedback:** Data (including drawings) may be used in academic presentations and publications and/or mainstream media. Individuals will not be identifiable through this presented data. Follow-up interviews will be transcribed and you may request to review or edit them. I will share final research outputs via social media (instagram: @bjornsturmberg) by the end of 2024 all going to plan. If you would like me to contact you directly please send me an email or let me know today.
- **Project Funding:** This research is being conducted as an initiative of ANU National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science (CPAS).

### Participant Involvement:

- **Voluntary Participation & Withdrawal:** Involvement in the research, by you or minors in your care, is voluntary. Coming to the story reading does not mean you have to take part in the research. For surveys, you can withdraw at any time until you submit the survey at your discretion without negative consequences. For interviews, you can withdraw at any point prior to data being analysed/de-identified. Completing a survey does not obligate you to participate in an interview. If you withdraw, you may give permission for your responses up to that point to be used, otherwise your data will be destroyed. **Participation in the research is entirely optional.**
- **What does participation in the research entail? Location and Duration:** Data collection involves completing a survey with written questions and/or visual/drawing responses. Surveys may be used before and/or after story readings. The surveys should take up to 10 minutes to complete. The questions ask about your experience, what was relevant and so on – like surveys you may have filled out at other events. Surveys will be completed in hard copy. You may also participate in a 10-30 minute follow-up phone/online interview about your response to the story – please provide your name and contact details on the survey form if you would like to do this. During the story reading I will also make general observations of the audience response, which parts were engaging, etc. – these observations will be general in nature and will not identify individuals.
- **Risks: Sensitive or controversial questions:** While questions/themes are of a general, non-controversial nature, you should use your own judgement when reporting anything that may have negative effects on you, or when disclosing any sensitive or personal information. If you include sensitive personal information (e.g. political opinions or religious beliefs) that the researcher judges could identify you and/or cause harm, these details will be deleted from your responses during initial data processing and replaced with generic



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details. Apart from this, there are no known risks to taking part in the research.

- **Benefits:** This research will help me create more engaging and impactful science communication and in turn make them more enjoyable and useful for audiences like you. It may also help refine how we communicate energy issues, benefiting other researchers, policymakers and more.

#### **Confidentiality:**

Personally identifying information will only be collected if you would like to participate in a follow up interview. Any personally identifying information collected for this purpose or incidentally included in your responses or drawings (e.g. if you noted where you live) will be de-identified once data is collected and names or other identifying details will not be used in publications. Confidentiality can only be ensured as far as the law allows.

#### **Privacy Notice:**

In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_010007](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_010007) and it contains information about how a person can:

- Access or seek correction to their personal information;
- Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint.

#### **Data Storage:**

Data will be scanned in, de-identified and stored securely on ANU OneDrive and the researcher's laptop, with hard-copies stored in a locked office/storeroom. The de-identified data will be accessible to the researcher and colleagues/students at CPAS for use in future research. The data will be kept on file for at least five years from the date of any publication arising from the research, then will be archived. Long-term, data or hardcopy surveys will be disposed of in a confidential manner.

#### **Queries and Concerns:**

For more information, please feel free to contact me at:

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#### **Ethics Committee Clearance:**

The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol 2023/286). If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact:

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