



## Science Story Research

# Information for people aged under 18

### Hello!

Hello, I'm Dr Bjorn Sturmberg from the Australian National University (ANU) Battery Storage and Grid Integration Program (BSGIP).

I'm doing some research on my science story, Amy's Balancing Act. Research is about asking questions, doing activities and being curious so we can learn new things – I am trying to learn more about science storytelling so I can make them better. If you want to, you can help with my research by answering some questions and drawing some pictures – but it's up to you if you would like to take part.

### What's it all about?

- I am trying to find out what you thought of the science story and whether it gave you new ideas about how we make and use energy.
- I'm asking everyone that comes to the story readings, including the adults, to draw some pictures and answer some questions. It should take about 10-15 minutes. I'll use the answers and your drawings to discover what you thought about the story.
- Your pictures or answers could be part of talks I do or short stories I write about the research, but I won't tell people who you are – you will be 'anonymous' (that means I won't tell anyone your name... in fact you don't have to write your name at all).
- There are no right or wrong answers – it is not a test, it's just about what you thought about the story and any new ideas it gave you.
- Just like doing a drawing at school, be careful drawing anything rude, mean or nasty that might upset people – but you can be as creative as you like!
- If you would like to find out what I discover, ask your parent/guardian to check my social media (instagram: @bjornsturmberg) or contact email me ([bjorn.sturmberg@anu.edu.au](mailto:bjorn.sturmberg@anu.edu.au)). If you contact me directly, make sure you include your parent/guardian in the email or message.

### Taking part is 'voluntary' – it's your choice.

- You only have to the drawing and answer the questions if you want to – it is completely your choice. You can still watch the show, but not do the drawing or answer the questions.
- If you start the drawing/questions but don't want to finish, that's OK. I can use the drawing/questions even if they are not finished, or we can throw it away – that's up to you.

### We'll keep who you are a secret.

- Do not write your name on your drawing.
- Try not to include details that could tell someone who you are, like writing your home address or phone number – if you do, I will delete these details anyway.
- Your drawing/answers will be kept in a safe place and only me and my work friends at the university will see all of them, but we might use some of them as examples in stories we write and talks we do for other people.



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- While we will keep your answers a secret, sometimes it's the law for us to tell people like the police. This does not happen often – it only happens if people are very worried about your answers and need to know who you are to help.
- In summary, we'll keep all your drawings/answers private and safe and will only use them for the things noted on this information sheet. You, and your parent or guardian can read the ANU Privacy Policy at [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_010007](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_010007).

### Any questions?

- If you have any questions you can come and talk to me now, or ask your parent/guardian.
- If you would like to contact me later my details are below, but make sure your parent/guardian helps you with any emails or messages.

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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, your parent/guardian should contact:

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