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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	<p>A changing climate and its consequences is a very scary scenario, especially when I think about my kids, other kids, and all future generations to come. It is our duty to do everything we can to prevent this. We know it is happening. We know what we need to do to prevent it. We know that it will require sacrifices. We know that if we fail, our children and their children will look back at us with great disappointment in the best case, and plain contempt in the worst case. Just because it was inconvenient at the time is not good enough. I am willing to endure some inconvenience.</p> <p>I would argue almost everybody in New Zealand is aware of the urgent need for actions. At the same time, many people doubt that their sole actions will make a difference, or they wonder what they can do at all. Or they are just busy dealing with their day-to-day life - they know it's important, and they want to do something, but it's bloody hard if you work long days to pay the bills and then look after the kids. A concerted effort is necessary to have a meaningful impact. It must be the role of the government to lift the head above the daily grind, look ahead, and prepare the legislative environment, and provide boundary conditions in a way that allows our collective action.</p>
<b>Long-term target</b>	I support the most ambitious target of reducing total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050. I also support taking a science-based approach to ensure our efforts to reduce emissions are as impactful as possible: we should aim for negative levels of long-lived gases, while reducing short-lived gases to sustainable levels. This target should be reached by reducing our own emissions and not by using international carbon credits.
<b>Climate Commission</b>	I support the establishment of an independent Climate Commission that is made up of experts and provides advice, but does not make final decisions.
<b>Adaptation</b>	I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act. Adaptable should be the means of how we are going to reach the goal of zero emissions, but not the goal itself (unless a new, credible scientific consensus emerges).
<b>Climate justice</b>	A Zero Carbon Act must be just and fair in that it honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi; ensures a just transition for workers and communities; and avoids passing on the costs to future generations.
<b>Further comments</b>	