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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	<p>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because it will help inspire other countries to make the same proactive shift towards carbon neutrality. I am proud of New Zealand's nuclear free commitment, but our claims of being "clean" and "green" are empty statements used only to entice tourists that don't have the full picture. I would feel much more comfortable promoting New Zealand to my friends abroad if we were to live the clean green sentiment, rather than simply advertising it.</p> <p>We are a small country, but we have been thought leaders in the past. We were the first country in the world to give woman the right to vote and as I mentioned prior, we have a strong stance on nuclear, I think we should be leading the environmental debate and once again "punching above our weight" on the global stage.</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.
<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>	