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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	I support the need for an actual climate law such as the Zero Carbon Act because it requires and should ensure continuous commitment to action on reducing carbon emissions regardless of what government is in power. Without a law for a specific target it is very difficult to keep up the action momentum long term if only short term policies are trialed for present situations. A long term goal must be 'set in concrete' to give stability on which people can focus and invest in.
Long-term target	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. This means aiming 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. Partly due to our geographical position on the global map, I believe it is best for New Zealand to remain independent and invest in our own, not other countries' low carbon emissions.
Climate Commission	I support the establishment of an independent Climate Commission that is made up of experts and provides advice, but does not make final decisions. I believe that the elected government at the time should take all responsibility of the final decisions made so that the Climate Commission can also act as an independent 'watchdog'.
Adaptation	I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act. I believe this is a very important plan as the impacts of climate change through severe droughts and floods around New Zealand are already been felt making it clear that local and regional councils need to be involved with and supported by central Government in conjunction with the Climate Commission.
Climate justice	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. When an act is just and fair I believe it is more likely to be supported by a wider range of groups in society, gaining the required investment over the transitioning period and for the long term, thereby succeeding in reaching the ultimate target.
Further comments	I support a climate law like the Zero Carbon Act which stays clear of a purely economy based system yet allows enough flexibility through government policy changes to adopt more advantageous technological solutions and innovative practices should they become available in the future.