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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	the climate is our world and the health of the world is our responsibility.
Long-term target	I support the most ambitious target of reducing total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050. I support doing this here in Aotearoa New Zealand through direct emissions capping and long-term changes in agriculture, transportation and urban planning- not through trade schemes and outsourcing and use of international carbon credits. Any short term targets or efforts must be held accountable to the longer term targets, particularly shorter term infrastructure adaptation plans. I also support taking a mixed-knowledge approach that incorporates mātauranga Māori and the sciences (both physical and social). A diversity of knowledge is key for deliberative decision-making, a model needed for the uncertainty and complexity of climate change.
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. Experts and advisers must also include Māori representatives. It would also need to consider the ways youth voices will be represented.
Adaptation	I support a clear proviso that any adaptation plans enacted in regional, district or city councils would need to abide by the Zero Carbon Act and NOT result in 'mal-adaptation' by further increasing GHG emissions or exacerbating the vulnerabilities of those already disproportionately at risk.
Climate justice	A Zero Carbon Act must be procedurally 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. A climate justice approach will also include distributional justice and cost sharing by holding large companies and transnational corporations doing business in Aotearoa New Zealand accountable to cost.
Further comments	

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