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| A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because... | The climate changes we are seeing already are causing great harm. If we don't change our behaviour regarding fossil fuels and petrol carbon products our children and grandchildren will suffer greatly. It is a moral issue that human behaviour threatens the whole world. The wealthy countries have caused most of the damage and the poor are suffering most of the harm so far. |
| 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: 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. |
| 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. |
| Adaptation | I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act. |
| 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. |
| Further comments | There are great opportunities for turning things around but greed and selfishness are the barriers |

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