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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	The only way climate change can be brought under meaningful and sustainable control is if countries the world over do the right thing. New Zealand, like nations everywhere, has no choice but to do its bit. But it has to be impactful ... any flinching, prevaricating, watering down of legislation will serve to undermine the future of us all. Leading by example is crucial, and NZ has historically shown itself to be a brave adopter of proactive thought and action. NOW, with the future of all our generations to come at such obvious peril, this is more important than ever. PLEASE read on for solid suggestions as to the best way forward.
<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>	

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