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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	<p>The Zero Carbon Act is an important Act for New Zealand because we can do more reduce the effects of climate change.</p> <p>The Zero Carbon Act is an opportunity for New Zealand to make positive change for the environment. We need this law to ensure that New Zealand is doing everything it can to reduce the effects of climate change. As an 18 year old, it is my generation who will experience the effects of climate change first hand. Therefore it is very important to me and many others my age that everything possible is done now to reduce emissions. Emission reductions targets must be ambitious in order to generate effective and real change for the benefit of the New Zealand environment. We owe it to future generations of New Zealanders that we do everything possible now to reduce the effects of climate change in the future, the Zero Carbon Act is an opportunity for New Zealand to make effective change for the benefit of the environment and New Zealand must take this opportunity.</p> <p>This Act is important because it shows other countries that taking effective action to reduce emissions is not only necessary, but also practicable and possible. If New Zealand passes this act, New Zealand will set an example for other countries to follow and exerts itself as a leader in efforts to reduce the effects of climate change. New Zealand can influence positive change in environmental practises internationally. This highlights that the passing of the Zero Carbon Act is not only important for, and will benefit New Zealand but also for the world in the long run.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge you to put your politics aside and support the Zero Carbon Act.</p>
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	