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| A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because... | I want my children to inherit a healthy place to live. I want my children to be able to swim in rivers and fish the oceans. I was away for 18 years and wanted to bring my children back to a New Zealand I remembered growing up in. Unfortunately that place no longer exists. Our rivers are polluted and our oceans overfished, dairy farming has ruined much of our water and land. We have people fracking, overseas company's exploring our oceans to exploit our oil, we are burning fossil fuels and seem unable to recycle plastic even though countries overseas have found inventive ways. New Zealand has the great opportunity to be a leader in becoming green (we are NOT 100% pure - far from) we could be energy efficient and invest in ways of recycling and upcycling. The Zero Carbon Act needs to happen and it needs to happen NOW not in 2050 or some other ridiculous target that will be too late. |
| 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 | |

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