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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	I am extremely concerned about the impact on the environment here in New Zealand as well as in all countries overseas. As well, I am extremely concerned about the melting of the ice caps and glaciers in the Arctic and Antarctica. I am extremely concerned about the loss of habitat for all species. I have been taking public transport for years since this first became an issue at least ten years ago to try to assist. I am stunned by how cavalier many people are about this issue giving no thought to it whatsoever as to how they live their daily lives. We need widespread education programmes on climate change. We must have science-based policy which is adhered to by all parties. We must not have politicians in power who continue to deny the existence of climate change.
<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>	This is one of, if not the major issue of our time and all people everywhere must work to combat it. As well the New Zealand government needs to bring in laws that require compliance around this issue.

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