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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	<p>climate change is already happening and will without a doubt impact the way we and our children will live. We have to do everything we can to prevent further damage to the planet.</p> <p>New Zealand has a great potential as a country to make a Zero Carbon economy a reality and should take this opportunity.</p>
Long-term target	<p>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 developing potential carbon sinking technologies and not by using international carbon credits.</p>
Climate Commission	<p>I support the establishment of an independent Climate Commission that is made up of experts and provides advice, but does not make final decisions.</p>
Adaptation	<p>I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act.</p>
Climate justice	<p>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.</p>
Further comments	<p>To be effective, a Zero Act bill should enforce by law ambitious target of green house gases emission reduction if possible going further and faster than the ones set by the Paris Agreement. At the very least, it has to ensure that New Zealand will respect the targets and objective it has agreed to in this agreement.</p> <p>The government should lead the way in transforming the way it works and operate and enforce the respect by businesses and companies, even foreign, to abide to an environmental regulation to be put in place.</p> <p>The bill should regulate, prepare and enforce the transformation needed in the domains of transport, farming and energy consumption.</p>

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