A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because... The age of fossil fuels is coming to an end, and needs to for everyone's benefit. While New Zealand is a drop in the ocean globally we are respected globally and can take the opportunity to be ahead of the curve on this - to show that it can be done and that it can work. Cleaner air and a healthier environment is something that we should all aspire to and I believe this act would go the mile to make this happen.

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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