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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	Our world is going to suffer badly from continued increases in pollution, in particular fossil fuel gases, if we continue to release those more and more.
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	Please select one uniform, consistent carbon footprint calculator for every individual and business to complete in order to 1) make everyone aware of their personal impact and 2) have a consistent measure of the total impact from our country. Repeat this process annually, so that individuals and groups can be monitored on their progress towards zero-carbon. There are plenty of calculators available (Google: "carbon footprint calculator nz"), but there should be one consistent process to measure the individual contributions. Where possible the quality of the responses should be checked against known recordings of the outputs measured by individual, such as power bills, numbers of cattle etc.