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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	this is the first time the entire world has a scientifically proven global crisis to deal with. Most countries acknowledge the evidence and have shown their concern for global warming by signing up to their responsibilities to reduce it under the Paris Agreement. There is a genuine need for this action to be taken with urgency and cross-party political involvement is the only way for governments to act with responsibility for long term gains for humans and the planet.
<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>	If an Act such as this were to remain within the scope of party politics, nothing would be achieved because of vested interests. The world is at a crisis point and there is no longer time for politicking. We need a cross-party commitment that is well advised and prepared to act with integrity. There is no time for delay.