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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	I am well read on the mechanism, rate and effects of climate change. We have no option other than to accept the forecasts made by the scientific community of climatologist and to accept that the changes in weather patterns, sea level rise and changes in fauna and flora distribution already observed are the early manifestations of global warming. The role that compound gases play in maintain the earth's temperature are founded on 150 years of observations and the correlation between the increased concentration of these gases and global temperature rise is beyond dispute.(I do not like the term Impactful in the following section. One interpretation could be that the necessary measures should impact on sectors of our communities!!)
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	I would like to see some forewarning as to what obvious measures could be forthcoming in the near future such as restricting imports of fuel guzzling large vehicles, limiting overseas travel, local produce production and marketing and phasing out fossil fuel electricity generation even if this means rationing.