A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...

It is the moral thing to do. Global warming is a critical global issue and NZ needs to take a leadership role - if we can do it, others can too. We recently had a child (6 months old now), I want him to grow up in a world that can boast that we overcame such a critical global issue. I don't want him to grow up in a world that is being devastated by the effects of GW!

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