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| A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because... | We need sustainable industries and lifestyles. Government has to help us make this possible. Now is the time for leadership and new direction. Excessive Greenhouse Gas production is ruining our world. It must be reduced. |
| 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 | The progress NZ is now making towards controlling Greenhouse Gases is encouraging. This is a short and long term issue. We now have a real opportunity to fix this. |