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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	Life on earth will survive climate change, but humankind likely will not if we destabilise the life-support system to outside the parameters we need. Life on Earth will go on, but the loss of knowledge will be a tragedy if humans are reduced to scrabbling to survive in a hostile environment. I am a fleeting consciousness in the progress of Gaia and so are my children, but I still like to think we will go on to greater things, not die in our own shit!
<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>	I heard some guy on TV One breakfast talking about how we had to do a cost/benefit analysis of the cost of aiming for zero carbon, but I heard no mention of the cost of NOT taking action on climate change. Failure to make change will surely cost us a lot more!