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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	Climate change has effects far beyond what is currently apparent. Having worked in agriculture in deserts and near-deserts, I have seen the impacts of rising temperatures first hand. There's not just one country which needs to get its act together, it's every single country. New Zealand emissions affect other countries, and their emissions affect us in more ways than just temperature. For example, as it gets harder to grow food in hotter climates, it changes the face of trade. NZ needs to put the discussion on climate change in a much higher priority than we currently are doing. The way we treat our soil is a particularly necessary topic to examine, as this has massive implications on CO2 emissions, and I don't hear a lot of discussion on this point. There's a limit to the change that concerned individuals can make, it is the duty of government to prioritise these discussions and to put guidelines and strategies in place.
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	