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

The negative impacts of climate change are already evident - drought, coral bleaching, severe cyclones, shrinking glaciers and changing flora/fauna behaviour. Without substantive action these impacts will only get worse over time. We need to take action now to safeguard the environment for the next generation.

The Zero Carbon Act is one solution that will provide a pathway for successive governments to ensure NZ reduces our green-house gas emissions to net-zero. We need to have ambitious goals, a framework for a just transition to a fossil free future, and to be accountable for our actions (and inaction).

NZ also prides itself on 'punching above our weight on the world stage'. As a Pacific island nation, NZ should be leading on effective climate action - policy and practice - in solidarity with our Pacific neighbours.

**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**