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| A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because... | The Gvnt has to take the lead in supporting all New Zealanders to reduce our carbon footprint. It can't just be left to responsible individuals. We have a duty to proceeding generations to legislate now to ensure the survival of a healthy planet. |
| 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 | We must all work hard to get cross-party support for the legislation so that it is lasting and binding |