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

Reducing emissions and improving air quality can only be a good thing. I believe the proposed law and in particular a well informed commission could help guide action with some very local short term problems in my neighborhood. I live in Riverhead, Auckland. The only way in and out is by car. There is no safe cycling or walking routes to the nearest town centres. There is no public transport. The local playing fields at the Riverhead memorial park have been upgraded over the last few years with sports field lighting and sand carpets so people can use the grounds well into the winter early evenings which is great but often those training at the local Rugby club are obscured by the smog as the woodburners are lit and the early evening dew forms. Took the kids to the skate ramp yesterday before tea to get out for some exercise but we had to head home because of the smoke as the houses nearby got their woodburners going. Riverhead sits in a bit of a hollow so is a few degrees colder on winter nights and the smoke often doesn't dissipate even when the sun is out the next day. Lifestyle blocks to the north often have bonfires in Autumn which can fill the valley with smoke in what has become residential housing areas over the last few years. The local daycares are all on main roads where the kids play outside where the traffic fumes are. Our log burner is an old one but still compliant under the rules. Power cuts are relatively frequent in winter. Most houses on my street have crying windows on a winter's morning including my own. I have a ventilation system but can't run it on winter's nights because of the smoke. I've insulated the roof and floor in our villa but still have problems. Where next? Pull off the gib and insulate the walls. Double glazing. Gas central heating? No cheap fix but maybe doable. The ventilation system would do most of the job but for the poor outdoor air quality I can't run it. For me a zero carbon act means cleaner air and along the way other good things may happen in support of that goal.

### 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.