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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	It will provide a better future for ourselves, our children, following generations, our country and the planet. The Act will drive development in the best direction for the future with positive environmental, social and economic outcomes.
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	Economically we are dependent on commodity/primary products which could become a liability as alternative and less environmentally impacting forms of food production become more viable. We need to react now, by reducing our bio footprint and moving to quality not quantity agriculture. At the same time we should be developing our sustainability expertise with a view to becoming world experts and marketing this as well. We have long been a laboratory for economic experiments, lets use our own environment to develop expertise and sell our skills.