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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	Climate change scares me. I like to think I fall somewhat into the brave kiwi archetype, I try and push myself and not let anything frighten me, but the idea that myself and the children I hope to one day have could live in a world devastated by rising oceans and biodiversity loss terrifies me. I grew up loving nature and everything it had to offer, I grew up hoping that I wouldn't be the last generation to know and love nature. I am not kidding myself, climate change is a threat to our survival as a species and I think laws like the Zero Carbon act are our best chance to combat said threat.
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	