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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	<p>My good friend likes to turn the common phrase "curiosity killed the cat" into "assumption killed the cat" because it assumed it could cross the road. But I believe the leading cause for the death of the cat was ignorance. As soon as the cat left the concrete, it ignored what was around them carried on forward. Like the proverbial cat, we are walking across a road, we've left the footpath and we can either shut our eyes and ignore the on-coming traffic turn to face it and find a way out.</p> <p>We have to remember that when go to work, come home, go to sleep, wake up again, and repeat, we're not passively going through life, we're actively living in it. We decide to drive our car, we decide to buy eye fillet steak from Countdown, we decide to scroll past a post like this and not make a submission. No one is feeding us instructions through an earpiece, we are all living our own lives and if we choose to do nothing, then we're criminals.</p>
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	