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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	We simply cannot carry on as we have been if we want to meet our international climate change obligations or, more importantly, if we want to preserve the planet in a livable conditional with a functioning ecosystem. A Zero Carbon Act (ideally with bipartisan support) is the best way we can ensure that all decisions made across the various areas of the New Zealand economy are made in accordance with our carbon reduction targets.
<b>Long-term target</b>	I strongly 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.
<b>Climate Commission</b>	I support the establishment of an independent Climate Commission that is made up of experts and provides advice, but does not make final decisions.
<b>Adaptation</b>	I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act.
<b>Climate justice</b>	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.
<b>Further comments</b>	It is essential that we take brave and decisive action now through enacting an ambitious Zero Carbon Act.