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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	No matter how hard we try to avoid thinking about Climate Change as a reality, it has already started to take effect in New Zealand! Severe storms, flooding, drought across Aotearoa and rising sea levels worldwide (swallowing some of our Pacific neighbours already!) are just a few symptoms that the earth is sick, and will continue to give us more and more visible signs that something needs to change until it's too late. If we act NOW, we may have a small chance of reversing the damage we've caused for years. Please help us to do so. The time is now. Not tomorrow. Now.
<b>Long-term target</b>	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.
<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>	Thank you for paving the way forward in a government that strives for kindness.