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<b>A Zero Carbon Act is important to me because...</b>	We need it for our survival and a thriving ecosystem for future generations to enjoy
<b>Q1. What process should the Government use to set a new emissions reduction target in legislation?</b>	The Government should set a target for 2050 in legislation now. If not 2040! The sooner the better.
<b>Q2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?</b>	The most ambitious target: 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.
<b>Q3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?</b>	By using domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting). Start living up to the 100% pure brand, right now it's an outright lie. Refusing the focus on dairy!!! Less dairy, more investments in innovation and technology for sustainable business! Revive New Zealand's native species.. stop cutting down trees, innovate for new environmentally friendly ways to coexist with in all industries especially in building. Focus more on made in NZ branding and higher taxes on imports of products from China and other countries selling items of extreme low quality and high footprint, no tax on zero footprint products imported from abroad.
<b>Q4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?</b>	The 2050 target should not be altered in response to "economic changes" as this undermines its long-term certainty. However, the ability to revise the 2050 target in light of major changes in scientific understanding or international agreements should be permitted.
<b>Q5. The Government proposes that three emissions budgets of five years each (i.e. covering the next 15 years) be in place at any given time. Do you agree with this proposal?</b>	yes - I agree with 5-year budgets set 10-15 years in advance, so that 3 are in effect at all times.
<b>Q6 - Q7. Should the Government be able to alter emissions budgets?</b>	No - emissions budgets should not be altered in response to "economic changes" as this undermines their long-term certainty. However, the ability to revise budgets in light of major changes in scientific understanding or international agreements should be permitted.
<b>Q8. Do you agree with the proposed considerations that the Government and the Climate Commission will need to take into account when advising on and setting budgets?</b>	<p>I agree that the Government and the Climate Commission should take the following factors into consideration when advising on and setting budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• scientific knowledge regarding climate change</li> <li>• technology relevant to climate change</li> <li>• energy policy and the likely impact of a decision on energy supplies and the carbon and energy intensity of the economy.</li> </ul> <p>All these points are actually irrelevant when Wellington is underwater due to rise in sea levels. You can get as analytical as you want but Mother Nature will take its toll if we don't act fast. Stop comparing fiscal scores and start coming up with laws for long term! Winters will get colder and summers warmer.. we need more action and less chit chat.</p>
<b>Q9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?</b>	Yes - we must learn from the mistakes of the UK's Climate Change Act and specify a strict time frame for producing a plan.

<p><b>Q10. What are the most important issues for the Government to consider in setting plans to meet budgets? For example, who do we need to work with, what else needs to be considered?</b></p>	<p>The Government's policy plans to meet emission budgets should be comprehensive, fair, cost-effective, environmentally sustainable, and reflect a commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.</p>
<p><b>Q11. The Government has proposed that the Climate Change Commission advises on and monitors New Zealand's progress towards its goals. Do you agree with these functions?</b></p>	<p>Yes - the Commission should not be a decision-making body.</p>
<p><b>Q12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?</b></p>	<p>The Commission should advise the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS. It should not make decisions itself with respect to the number of units available in the NZ ETS, or its implementation.</p>
<p><b>Q13. The Government has proposed that Climate Change Commissioners need to have a range of essential and desirable expertise. Do you agree with the proposed expertise?</b></p>	<p>I agree with the following collective expertise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• climate change policy (including emissions trading)</li> <li>• te Tiriti o Waitangi, te reo me ona tikanga Māori and Māori interests</li> <li>• climate and environmental science including mātauranga</li> <li>• risk management</li> <li>• engineering and/or infrastructure</li> <li>• community engagement and communications.</li> <li>• knowledge of the public and private innovation and technology development system.</li> </ul> <p>I think expertise in public health is also important. That said... housing in this country is appalling. Energy waste is HUGE!! Nz needs to bring laws in place to protect the people. Double glazing and insulation is a must. Increase in rent should be illegal for these kinds of renovations. It's time home owners stopped exploiting the property market and a safe and healthy home is not put in last place. Again, with climate change happening, we need safe and warm homes. Less energy wasted.</p>
<p><b>Q14. Do you think the Zero Carbon Bill should cover adapting to climate change?</b></p>	<p>Not really. The climate will continue to worsen.. even with a zero carbon bill in place. This will be our part in saving our wonderful world and hopefully others will follow. Rwanda is completely plastic free.. we need to follow this example too. It's time to pull the breaks on capitalism.., we are destroying our beautiful planet.</p>
<p><b>Q15. The Government has proposed a number of new functions to help us adapt to climate change. Do you agree with the proposed functions?</b></p>	<p>I agree with the proposed functions below, but recognise that nuance is required in terms of how local councils are involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a national climate change risk assessment</li> <li>• a national adaptation plan</li> <li>• regular review of progress towards implementing the national adaptation plan</li> <li>• an adaptation reporting power</li> </ul>
<p><b>Q16. Should the Government explore setting up a targeted adaptation reporting power that could see some organisations share information on their exposure to climate change risks?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>As a citizen I often feel defeated. I do not feel like I have the ability to make great change. As a government we do! We need to start seeing the bigger picture here.. New Zealand is not 100% pure. It's time to step up and do the right thing, we will need to sacrifice and we may need to suffer, but in the end.. if we don't fight, we all lose.</p>