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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	<p>We simply have no alternative. Climate change is the most significant challenging facing humanity, and cannot be subject to the political game or industry lobby groups.</p> <p>This law is for the future of people, and all the other animals that live on planet earth with us. It is a matter of human rights - in that those most affected from climate change now and in the future are among the most vulnerable.</p> <p>We need a law to ensure urgent, meaningful and comprehensive action to transition to a carbon zero future - with this law, New Zealand could again become a leader in the world on the most fundamental issue of our time. We can shift the conversation on climate action and help facilitate change elsewhere in the world.</p>
Long-term target	<p>I absolutely support the most ambitious target of reducing total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Most importantly, this target should be reached by reducing our own emissions and not by using international carbon credits. Carbon credits are not meaningful action, and means we toss away an incredibly important opportunity to diversify our economy to one of the future.</p>
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	I support the inclusion of specific commitments to our Pacific neighbours and considerations of climate justice for wider international aid and development.