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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	The increasing carbon levels are changing our planet and affecting the life on it. It is causing suffering to living things that cannot adapt to the changes. This includes sea life and land life, some of which are badly affected already, such as the coral reefs and polar bears. It is heart breaking to think of the suffering which is yet to come.
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. I think that the commission should be able to override decisions if the target is not being met. It is vital that the commission needs to be independent and the members making the decisions have no conflicts of interest.
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	This act is vitally important to be implemented as soon as possible.