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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because every citizen needs to be educated and encouraged (even forced financially if necessary) to reduce their own demand for energy that has been produced in ways that create emissions that speed up the rate of climate change. It is not enough to focus on finding ways to maintain the supply of energy to meet current demand. Demand must be reduced, just as people have in the past become used to taking such action as a result of wars and disasters.
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. It is necessary to reduce methane emissions promptly, especially fossil methane from mining etc, in order to reduce world temperatures more quickly and so reduce the serious consequences of over-heating the planet. 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 representing all the parties currently in government, as well as experts in this field, to provide advice to the government, which makes the actual 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 believe that a system of short-term budgets for emissions reduction, as used by the UK, should be included in NZ, but with a 6-year cycle, not a 5-year cycle. With our 3-year electoral cycle, every elected parliament must be involved and accountable for these short-term budgets.