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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	by ignoring the impacts of Climate Change, we are contributing to yet more damage, in the future, to the environment. It is unconscionable to ignore what we already know about climate change, and to continue to jeopardise the health and well-being of future generations.
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, but does not make final decisions. The independence of a Climate Commission is essential; equally, this needs to be an advisory body, not a decision-making body.
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 feel very strongly that the recent tendency to put increased economic growth at the forefront of planning for the future is deeply flawed. Concentrating on economic growth is short-sighted the world is not capable of sustaining constant and unbridled growth. As a society we must act now, to ensure a future for coming generations, and a Zero Carbon Act will make a positive contribution to that action.