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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	A climate law like the ZCA is important to me because I want NZ Governments to have an ambitious, consistent, long-term approach to dealing with climate disruption and its <a href="#">cts.</a> I want NZ to plan for predicted changes in sea level, rainfall and storm events in our own country. I want us to assist neighbours in the Asia-Pacific region who will be most affected by those changes in their countries. I want NZ to do our bit and be an inspiration and leader for other countries to follow in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. I want us to invest in research and innovation to adapt to and mitigate climate disruption that we can share and sell to the world. I want my son to live in a world as rich in biodiversity as the one I enjoy. A climate law like the ZCA will put us on a planned path towards these goals.
<b>Long-term target</b>	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.
<b>Climate Commission</b>	I support the establishment of an independent Climate Commission that is made up of experts and provides advice, but does not make final decisions. I think that there should be an expectation that Government will enact policy that aligns with the recommendations of the Climate Commission. Divergence should only follow comprehensive debate and consultation.
<b>Adaptation</b>	I support a plan for adaptation to climate disruption being included in the Zero Carbon Act. This means preparing now for our predicted future climate.
<b>Climate justice</b>	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.
<b>Further comments</b>	