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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to make this submission.</p> <p>A climate law like the Zero Carbon act is important because it seeks the address perhaps the greatest threat to humanity in these days. No country is now immune to the effects of global climate change due to the warming of the earths surface brought about by excessive use of fossil fuels and other CO2 producers.</p> <p>All people owe it to their children and possible grandchildren to do something now before it is too late.</p> <p>All peopl</p>
<b>Long-term target</b>	<p>I support the most ambitious target of reducing total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050. Some scientists have said it is already too late. However I believe reducing greenhouse gases in this way will make it possible for the planet to continue.</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. This target should be reached by reducing our own emissions and not by using international carbon credits.</p> <p>International carbon credits lack any ultimate validity because they can be manipulated either by the country using them or the country supplying them.</p>
<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.
<b>Adaptation</b>	I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act.
<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>	As usual it is the poorer countries who have to pay for the excesses of the wealthier countries. This is as much a justice issue as it is an environmental issue. By passing a Zero Carbon Act NZ will at the very least be acting in solidarity with those countries where climate change is already effecting food production and land use.