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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	If we carry on how we are, we'll leave a catastrophe for our mokopuna, rather than a beautiful country in a potentially beautiful, peaceful world. Something dying instead of something living and giving of life. We need to stop raping Mother Earth for resources and cease our dependence on our ancestor Ancient Sunshine's fossil fuels. I want Aotearoa New Zealand to lead the way in creating alternatives which support thrival.
<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.
<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>	Adopt TOP's (The Opportunities Party) Climate Change Action Policy <a href="http://www.top.org.nz/top6">www.top.org.nz/top6</a> in full into any legislation.