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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	<p>(a) we don't have the right to degrade the livelihood of other humans in climate-vulnerable locations of space (e.g., low-lying countries) or time (future generations), or the existence or vitality of other species (e.g., the demise of species because of our own selfishness is absurd);</p> <p>(b) even our own quality of life stands to be degraded without meaningful action against climate change, and</p> <p>(c) current business models at all levels, esp. national and international, are not fully-costed, incl. effects of using finite resources (e.g., helium, nickel), plastics and their long-term effects; this is inexcusable but is propagated by those whose interests it serves, i.e., the currently profitable individuals and businesses. This has to be seen for what it is.</p>
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.
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	