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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	Climate change is right now affecting everyone in the world. There is no way even the 1% can escape the devastating consequences if too little is done to stabilise the global temperature asap. Every country, however seemingly insignificant, that puts an effective plan in place to transition to a a zero carbon future will help to build the necessary momentum for change elsewhere. The biggest challenge in NZ is going to change the way agricultural emissions are substantially reduced. Methane emissions cannot be ignored. Even though they remain active compounds for far less time than CO2 or NO2, they are far more potent er molecule and in any case breakdown eventually into CO2. I support substantial reduction in methane emissions as well as net zero CO2 by 20150 or earlier.
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	