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| A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because... | In order for the people of New Zealand to take the real threat of climate change seriously we need targets to address it written into law. It is the responsibility of our current government to protect our world for future generations, not leave it to them to suffer for our lack of effort. Those of us alive now have contributed to the current situation of unsustainable greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, therefore we need to contribute to it's reversal. |
| 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 | Costs to all people now and ensuring equity is an important consideration but must be considered in comparison to the costs involved in the future if we don't do enough now. Please be ambitious. Lead the way. |