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| <b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b> | We have been hearing our scientists warning us of the catastrophic change that will come cur if we take no action on GHGs. This is about saving the environment that supports the network of species that are interdependent and,of which, humankind is but one of those species. My children and their children. There is cleaner energy and as long as the fossil fuel industry is supported and not held to account, the longer it will be until NZ and the world gets on and makes clean energy easier to get and more affordable.  |
| <b>Long-term target</b>   | I support the most ambitious target of reducing total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050. I also think that each type of GHG should be addressed separately. I 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. We must also make sure any NZ ETS is not a platform for shifting responsibility for GHG emission here or for overseas countries. |
| <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.<br>That choice of experts must include scientists (chemists, agricultural scientists, environmental scientists, physicists and biologists) as well as economists and social scientists. I would expect the government of the day to strongly heed the advice of this group and not be unduly influenced by lobby group such as the oil and gas industry or the trucking industry group.   |
| <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. This includes supporting our agricultural communities.   |
| <b>Further comments</b>   | The transport and freight industries must start paying their fair share of costs.<br>We must encourage freight to go electric.<br>Also need to address travel by air and sea.   |