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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	Global warming and climate change are not issues of the future. They are current issues affecting the world and those living in it. As usual, this who are the worst off are disproportionately affected. As global citizens it is our duty to do what we can to make a start towards combatting our past actions leading to climate change. It is also an issue specific to New Zealand. One of our countries most shameful moments was John Key saying we would not be world leaders in environmental change, we would be "quick followers". New Zealand has been known as a clean green country but it sometimes feels as though this is farce. I would love to see us as a small country who are in fact world leaders in environmentalism. Finally, it is part of our duty to be climate change leaders and to protect the environment we have in accord with Te Tiriti O Waitangi.
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	