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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	I have no doubt this Zero Carbon Act is a crucial step forward in our commitment to protecting our environment, unique habitats, citizens, cities, communities, and society. Integrating the Zero Carbon Act into our political framework has the potential to transform NZ into a low-impact, zero-carbon, sustainable, and thriving society. The benefits in doing so are enormous and allow our society to become a more resilient and proactive in the face of climate change. Change needs to happen now.
<b>Long-term target</b>	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.
<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.
<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.
<b>Further comments</b>	