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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	The window of opportunity to stabilise atmospheric warming gas levels is very small and the time is NOW. Very proud of this government for actually The window of opportunity to stabilise atmospheric warming gas levels is very narrow. The consequences of failing to do so are unthinkable and the time to prevent the unthinkable is NOW.
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	Very proud of this government for actually leading on this and other issues (eg therapeutic jurisprudence, education review, health targets review)