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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	<p>I am a New Zealander currently in the UK, where we are experiencing a 30* heat wave. Last week I was in the Bordeaux area of France, famous wine area, where the entire region has suffered drastic and unseasonal hail storms which have virtually wiped out the entire grape crop, 2nd year running. Climate change is alive and well here and clearly experienced to be real.</p> <p>NZ is proposing, with its Zero Climate Act, what is needed throughout each individual country on our threatened planet. I wholeheartedly endorse this ambitious and potentially wide-ranging political initiative, and wait with anxiety its reception.</p> <p>May NZ show yet again its ability to see clearly into the future, and to ACT!</p>
<b>Long-term target</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Climate Commission</b>	<p>I support the establishment of an independent Climate Commission that is made up of experts and provides advice, but does not make final decisions.</p>
<b>Adaptation</b>	<p>I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act.</p>
<b>Climate justice</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Further comments</b>	