| **A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...** | Protection of the planet is everyone's responsibility, all over the world, and we all have to do our bit. If we all wait for someone else to do something then my children and grandchildren are destined for a bleak future. If the government of every country waits for other countries to do something then nothing will ever happen. New Zealand has a reputation to maintain, and because of that we have the opportunity to make a real statement in the world. We need to lead by example.

New Zealand citizens and residents need the framework of a Zero Carbon Act to support and create alternatives to the status quo. We need the act to stimulate investment, funding and research to find solutions this ever increasing problem.

History is watching us because the decisions we make now will shape the future of this planet. Doing anything less than EVERYTHING possible will be seen as a failure, as a missed opportunity to reverse the devastation we are causing to our climate. Our generation, and today's Governments need to be part of the solution, not a continuation of the problem.

**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 ensures a just transition for workers and communities; and avoids passing on the costs to future generations.

**Further comments**

We need to think long term and big picture. Just because an particular activity or industry creates x % of our GDP or net export should not give that activity a free reign on our environment or climate, because those short-lived gains will be nothing in comparison to the losses which will accrue by future generations. This is a big problem and some of the solutions will hurt - but only in the short term.