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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	Nature is already feeling the effects of the changing climate. Getting to net- zero global emissions by the middle of the century is essential if we are to keep the impacts of climate change on people and nature to a minimum.
<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>	We need a plan so that when we're making decisions like how to use land, including farms and forests and what machinery to buy (coal or wood-fired), we do it knowing that if it's going to last a long time, it needs to be consistent with New Zealand's zero- carbon target.