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**A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...**

We need to move urgently and decisively to limit the amount of carbon and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. We need targets for the reduction to which all parties in parliament wider NZ community is committed.

**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**

The reality of climate change is upon us - I urge parliament to act now in a way that takes this seriously and that shapes our future. Please show true leadership, and help our country transition from reliance on fossil fuels to sustainable energy and to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, including from agriculture. I support the Zero Carbon Bill and want to see it become law with cross-party support.