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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	Businesses and related enterprises are notoriously unable to self police - it is the exception not the rule. An intelligent, fair and well researched law to minimise carbon use and waste gives New Zealand a chance to make the transition to an energy efficient and sustainable society.
Long-term target	I support the most ambitious target of reducing total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050. I support a science-based approach that acknowledges and employs rapidly growing energy efficiency industries and alternative energy generation technology that will reduce our carbon footprint and create wealth by developing solutions and helping people save money. Targets 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 who provide advice, and has a say in New Zealand government funding of carbon reduction solutions.
Adaptation	I support a draft plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act. There should be public input as part of the draft plan creation.
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 framing of a Zero Carbon Act would gain more by a positive, community supportive outlook and philosophy. A simply punitive approach that only looks to slap down carbon use will not inspire change or bring people on board. The bigger picture is that a transition to an zero carbon goal is a wealth-creating opportunity: new jobs, new products, new pride in creating a better future. This journey affects everyone in New Zealand and potentially everyone can be a lot better off.