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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	The potential benefits for the next generation of New Zealanders are huge, as is the damage that will result if we do not act. To the extent possible, the focus should be on the industries of the future, which will make strong contributions to New Zealand's economy in a carbon zero world. Policy should not be dictated by those who see it as in their interest to delay change for as long as possible.
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 only 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	<p>It is important that clear signals are given as early as possible to enable communities and businesses to plan for the impact and opportunities of emission reduction policies. The large health benefits of cleaner air, notably in congested areas of Auckland, should get much greater attention than currently.</p> <p>(as well as the effects of climate change, such as sea level rise).</p>