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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	The impact climate change is already having on our environment is devastating. It is irresponsible to continue down the path we are on - we have an obligation to each other and to future generations to ensure that NZ is clean, green and carbon neutral.
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	NZ has an ethical obligation to support our pacific partners who are already suffering greater impacts from climate change. E Rangi, E Papa, E te whanau atua, Whakatohia ko koutou Manaakitanga Ki roto i tenei mahi o matou.