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.

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.

I support the establishment of an independent Climate Commission that is made up of experts and provides advice, but does not make final decisions.

I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act.

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.

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
Kī roto i tenei mahi o matou.