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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	In my opinion climate change has been our primary problem for decades now. While failure to act already has caused disruption from which the planet cannot now fully recover it is still important to put measures in place to reduce the harm caused by economies based on growth and extraction. These measures should be stringent and put in place as rapidly 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 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	It is imperative that we accept that climate change is causing widespread damage already. Our personal experience is that sub-tropical downpours are causing slips and washouts which have cost tens of thousands to repair and that waterlogging followed by drought is causing mature trees to die much faster than we can replace them.