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<b>A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...</b>	Climate change is a problem that will affect everyone. The impacts are well documented and it comes down to a matter of ethics. If we do nothing will we honestly be able to look the future generation in the face and say that this was good enough? The only way that climate change can be tackled is by setting ambitious targets. This is only going to become more and more evident and there may be substantial benefits to leading from the front.
<b>Long-term target</b>	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.
<b>Climate Commission</b>	I support the establishment of an independent Climate Commission that is made up of experts and provides advice, but does not make final decisions.
<b>Adaptation</b>	I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act. It should be clear that offsetting emissions alone will not nearly be enough, there needs to be substantial reductions in emissions which will require some hard decisions to be made.
<b>Climate justice</b>	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.
<b>Further comments</b>	The work on the zero carbon act should also be leveraged to investigate the benefits of transitioning away from the current emissions trading scheme and moving to a carbon tax.