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**A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...**

This is important for so many reasons. Because I live near the sea and I don't want my house to be underwater. Because I love my nieces and nephews and feel responsible for passing to them the beautiful country that I grew up in. Because I benefit from the tourist economy and I believe we are currently lying to them by selling ourselves as 'Clean and Green'. And because I work in the health sector and I know that emissions play an important part in the health of myself and my neighbors.

**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 excludes members who have a vested financial interest in continuing to pollute.

**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**

The solution must be science based. It must meet our values and support our obligations both nationally and internationally. And it must happen at the absolute top speed possible. We have waited long enough. Let's aim for the most ambitious target and make our future proud.