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

We have suspected for the last 70 years that our activities were changing the climate of our planet, and known for the last 40 years that our atmosphere is absorbing 0.68 watts per square meter per day (the equivalent of dropping 400,000 Hiroshima bombs per day). Yet we have done nothing substantive. We are not prepared for what is coming. Already we are getting storms beyond what our infrastructure can handle, and they will get significantly worse before we have any hope of improvement, even if we take the most stringent action we can to reduce CO2 in the atmosphere.

**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**

Please, please, treat this as the most important issue at all times. Because it is.