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

If you think mycoplasma-bovis is serious, you'd better look down the road. We need to go all-in on carbon emissions and climate change or it'll be more than just our economy going off the cliff.

I have three children. I know their world will be different than mine, but I hope to salvage some stability, safety and prosperity for them. I wish that we would stop borrowing from their future to sustain the pointless luxuries of our society.

**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.

I think that NZ's adaptation will benefit from confident leadership from central government. I think the process needs to be framed as an opportunity rather than an unfortunate necessity. Leading the social change is critical; big or small, we will all have a part to play in the transition away from our emissions-based economy. To get the most out of everyone, especially from business/capital, we'll need committed leadership with cross-party support, providing clear direction and certainty about future policy settings, and an eye for the upside risks. I think this will be our best chance of succeeding quickly. The Zero Carbon Act needs to set this up for our politicians to play their part.

**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 deadline to begin this change is long past. The Baby Boomers couldn't bring themselves to face it and now, at the final hour, their influence is waning. Younger generations know we can't afford their comfortable and selfish inertia. It's our time to take charge of the future.