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

Consumer choice is taking too long to effect meaningful change across the industries which need to drastically reduce emissions in order to stem sea level rise. It is no longer a question of "if", but when and how much. Sea level rise presents the most formidable challenge to how we live in recorded history but because the change is slow it is being denied. Emissions are eroding the natural wonders of coral reefs and high places, through ocean acidification increased temperatures, a little every day. I want my children to be able to ski or see reefs that aren't dead, but right now the likelihood isn't looking good. They seem more likely to see a tornado or unseasonable snow in the Far North. Our country needs strong leadership on this issue. Industry will not regulate itself into smaller profits. Please be ambitious about our future.

**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**