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

This is our last chance if we wish to avert catastrophic climate change. The science has been before us for a long time and the message of a severely damaged environment keeps getting more compelling, alarming, and very obvious to witness. I want New Zealand to show the world that we are fully committed to doing our bit to save the planet. One essential component of this would be to enact in law the Zero Carbon Act, so that we effectively eliminate our greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Any other course of action is insanity in my opinion.

**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**

A Labour/Green coalition is our one chance to enact this vital legislation.