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**A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...**
I intend to inhabit the planet for longer than one or two election cycles. The more unifying and binding our laws that impact the climate can be the stronger we will all be as a society when transitioning to become a zero carbon country. New Zealand urgently needs political change to address climate change, so that social change has a framework within which to evolve. If we can have both political change and social change enacted then we will be ready to form a truly resilient and sustainable zero carbon 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.

**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**