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

I am only 24 years old, pretty young by the standards of most. When I think about the future there are many scary decisions and moments ahead. I often think about whether or not I will have kids, and I usually come to the conclusion that I do eventually want kids. If I want my kids to grow up in a world which is healthy, and whole, and anything like it is now, then changes need to be made now, not later. I read a quote a while back and it has well and truly stuck with me "Take care of the earth, it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children" - This really hammered home the point to me that I needed to change what I was doing in regards to the environment. We need a law like the Zero Carbon Act so the effects of climate change can hopefully be slowed down (or reversed?!?! (wishful thinking probably)) and our future generations can enjoy the spectacular world that we live in today.

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. As well as reducing emissions we must aim to transfer to a more sustainable and efficient economy which will continue to improve the lives of New Zealanders with the application and development of technology.

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