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

Climate change will have the greatest impact on the global poor, those who contributed least to the problem and with the least resources to adapt to it. The only socially responsible response is urgent and ambitious action. To be honest I am shocked that New Zealand did not adopt a plan to reduce emissions long ago, but let's do so now.

**Long-term target**

Be ambitious! Definitely zero by 2050 if not sooner. IMPORTANT: This target should be reached by reducing our own emissions and not by using international carbon credits. We cannot out-source solutions, New Zealand must bear our share of the costs on home soil.

**Climate Commission**

YES TO THIS --> 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**

HECK YES. --> I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act. We are already seeing the effects of climate change here and MUST plan to address this strategically.

**Climate justice**

(1) A Zero Carbon Act must honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi, which at a minimum should mean that tangata whenua are involved in designing this legislation, and the legislation should increase not decrease their ability to self-govern. If there need to be tradeoffs between forwarding the ZCA OR Te Tiriti, Te Tiriti should take priority. (2) The Zero Carbon Act should also ensure a just transition for workers and communities - please ensure welfare support as well as carefully-planned job training to look after workers affected by this transition. (3) We (our generation) should shoulder the costs of this transition NOT pass the costs on to future generations, as past generations have done to us. This is why I support as ambitious a target as possible. The cost to us (even if great) will be less than it would otherwise be if delayed and passed on to future generations. Personally I am up for paying whatever cost is necessary for their sake.

**Further comments**

Thanks to the submission-reading team and to Gen Zero! Rock on.