A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because we need a legislative framework in place that will support quick, significant action to reduce carbon emissions so our society can survive this century.

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.