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

A climate law is hugely important to NZ as a country. We are seen as a country of firsts, and yet we are trailing so far behind in the regulation and reduction of emissions. I love to spend time in the outdoors. I enjoy skiing in the mountains and fishing in the ocean. If ocean acidification and global warming continue to intensify, then these things that I hold dear to my heart may be just memories one day, quite soon. Let's set an ambitious target of net zero emissions by 2050! What a fantastic goal.

**Long-term target**

I support the most ambitious target of reducing total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050. I also recommend taking a science-based approach to ensure our efforts to reduce emissions are as beneficial 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 definitely 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**