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

It is the way forward. If we want to keep this country healthy, clean and green, this is the way to go! I believe there does need to be some education around the environmental impacts of what we do. It’s something I’ve been thinking of more in depth for the past year, and I made the decision to be a vegan and consume a more plant based diet from my findings. I’m doing my part as best I can - now it’s time for the government to get on board too.

**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.