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

We need this law because climate change is the most pressing issue of our time.

**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.

**Further comments**

I would like to add an 'outside the box' viewpoint which stems from Traditional Chinese medicine. This medico-philosophy observes great detail in regard to disharmonies relating to climatic influences on both the body and nature. The unity of the microcosm of human life and the macrocosm of nature is a guiding principle. When climatic influences of damp, cold, wind, heat, dryness become excessive, the impact is noticeable and somewhat predictable. Examining climate change issues through the lens of 5-phase theory of Traditional Chinese Medicine can offer added insights into health and environmental wellbeing. This modern/ancient perspective offers a more pressing perspective on climate change and one which ordinary people can take on board and understand via a simple DIY application that is in development.