Hello, I'm Nina. I'm 26. I've been worrying about climate change since I was 14. I joined Generation Zero when I was 19. When I was in my early twenties I learned about the UK Climate Change Act. When I was 24 we used this as a blueprint to launch the campaign for and design of the Zero Carbon Act. Right now I am proud beyond words our government has come on board with the effort to get New Zealand to net zero emissions.

I 100% believe in New Zealand's ability to take on the long term challenge of creating a low carbon economy in a way that inspires and motivates the rest of the world. Despite the delay in addressing this urgent issue I believe in our global capacity to adapt and build a non-polluting world that will keep the climate safe for future generations.

This matters deeply. To everyone working on this, I congratulate you and urge you to use your position in this moment in history to make this law as strong and ambitious as you can. We will look back on these moments that define how we dealt with the monumental challenge that is climate change. Please make this a moment in history we will be proud of.

This issue has absorbed my life and thoughts for years but I don't have a great deal to say here besides these two things:

Firstly, I completely support the submission made by Generation Zero on all points.

Secondly, in 2011 while studying I went to a Generation Zero talk in a lecture theatre at Victoria University. Max Harris (now an acclaimed NZ author and thinker) was one of the people speaking about the need for and possibility of hope in the face of climate change. But he started by asking how many of the students in that room had considered not having children because of climate change. Almost everyone in that room put up their hand. Let that sink in. A room full of mostly 18 and 19 year olds - most of them too afraid of what the world would look like to want to raise families in it. I don't know how better to communicate the deep importance of this law, and the deep fear of the future that is present in my generation.

In this moment our future is in your hands and we hope that you use this power to create a bold and future-proofed law.

**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 impacts are here now and particularly our most vulnerable communities must be supported to adapt.
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| **Further comments** | We need a long term plan to protect our communities. I look forward to a law and a plan that brings everyone along.  
I intend to use my skills and enthusiasm to help New Zealand innovate to meet this challenge. I look forward to this law creating a world where this kind of energy can be put to good use.  
And as someone who has put sweat and tears into campaigning for good climate policy in New Zealand what else can I say but - don't mess it up!  
Thank you for the opportunity to submit. Nga mihi nui - Nina. |