### A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...
A zero carbon act is inevitable. We chase unlimited growth on a very limited planet. There is short term incentive to pillage all we can from our land and give nothing back. However we do so by robbing the quality of life from those who will succeed us. Human induced climate change is here and has been since the industrial revolution. Any inaction comes at the cost of lives.

### 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
New Zealand has been a world leader in many progressive acts throughout recent history. Yet we happily ignore the warning signs that our ‘clean green’ land is suffering by our collective hands. This act is necessary. Either we implement it now and minimise further damage, our we continue our path of growing inequality and unnecessarily increase the suffering of future New Zealanders.