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

If we don't take action soon the effects of climate change will make life for future generations very bleak.

**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. Pay New Zealanders to grow trees, give incentives for electric or hybrid cars and other forms of transport, reduce the number of cows and encourage sustainable farming practices with high quality end products.

**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. It must have teeth and be well funded.

**Adaptation**

I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act. If we don't have a plan and stick to it nothing will happen.

**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**

This is one of the most important things that the government can achieve, our nuclear free moment, we can't afford to wait nor can we trust future right wing governments to undertake this essential work. We need to turn hearts and minds of all New Zealanders and take our place again as leaders in the world on progressive policies.