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- I support GW's new emissions targets, particularly to halve emissions by 2030, and to reduce land transport emissions by 35%.
- I support the changes that ensure Councils require new developments that have the potential to significantly increase car use to plan to minimise private vehicle use and encourage public and active transport instead.
- Car-dependent sprawling developments should not be the norm, or even tolerated, in a climate crisis. We need our development and urban form to work in tandem with the radical mode shift we need for a zero carbon capital city.
- New subdivisions will last for decades. The way they are developed and designed now will lock in dependence on particular modes that are bad for our planet and also bad for communities and their wellbeing. This needs to be avoided at the start, and that's why I support the need for travel demand management plans in these developments.
- Any tools in the RPS to support Councils to discourage car dependency ought to be strengthened where possible.
- I strongly support the provisions incorporating Te Mana o te Wai, supporting the Blue Belt, and supporting climate resilient urban areas. I also strongly support the provisions strengthening protection and enhancement of our biodiversity, given the significant biodiversity crisis we are also faced with.