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Dear Aaron

Review of Gigablue's Research Plan

Gigablue have prepared a Research Plan and requested I review this Research Plan before it is sent to the Ministry of the Environment. This letter summarizes the process I have undertaken in reviewing Gigablue's Research Plan and provides a summary of my views on the Research Plan.

My review of the Research Plan was undertaken to assess the following:

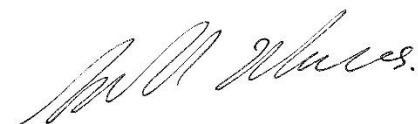
- Relevant research topics: Relevant research topics have been proposed, and no critical topics have been excluded from the Research Plan.
- Credible research plans: The activities proposed in the research plan are credible and anticipated to improve knowledge.

My review of the Research Plan is based on the information provided to me by Gigablue, and was undertaken over three rounds. Between each round of the review Gigablue addressed any questions I raised, and modified the research plan to address my feedback.

In my view the Research Plan as finalised has identified the key areas where research is needed. This includes a well staged plan moving from literature review, to laboratory studies (where appropriate), and then to field trials. The field trials are critical for the research, and Gigablue proposes a staged approach that is credible. The research as proposed is expected to build knowledge that will in turn build confidence in the outcomes of Gigablue's future activities.

If you have any questions about my review, or about the Research Plan, please don't hesitate to contact me on either 9(2)(a) or at mike.williams@earthsciences.nz.

Yours sincerely



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