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Sent: Friday, 27 February 2026 8:43 am
To: Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz; Matthew.Barbati-Ross@mfe.govt.nz
Subject: RE: Gigablue NZ Visit

Agree – I think it may also be worth raising the volume of meetings with Jo as well (At my count, this makes 6 for Matt, Martin and I/over 10 for Aaron).

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From: Matt Adams <Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 27 February 2026 7:56 am
To: Bonnie Hartfield <Bonnie.Hartfield@mfe.govt.nz>; Matthew Barbati-Ross <Matthew.Barbati-Ross@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Gigablue NZ Visit

Morning all,

This is something we should probably mention in our meeting notes for the upcoming chat between Mins Simmonds and Watts. Worth raising with Jo as well. If Aaron is comfortable for us to talk to GB about our framework, would Jo be more comfortable with allowing us to seek input from the science community at the ocean symposium we are looking to present to in October?

Cheers,

Matt

From: Bonnie Hartfield <Bonnie.Hartfield@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 27 February 2026 7:47 am
To: Matthew Barbati-Ross <Matthew.Barbati-Ross@mfe.govt.nz>; Matt Adams <Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: Gigablue NZ Visit

Kia ora Matthew,

Just looping you in on this email re: another meeting with Gigablue. We are still waiting on information requested at the May 2025 meeting.

Ngā mihi,

Bonnie

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From: Sharon Naveh Ovedya [9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 4:02 AM

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Cc: Martin Workman <martin.workman@mfe.govt.nz>; Sapir Markus Alford [9\(2\)\(a\)](#); Guy Shafran [9\(2\)\(a\)](#); Bonnie Hartfield <Bonnie.Hartfield@mfe.govt.nz>; Matt Adams <Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz>; Andrea Brandon <Andrea.Brandon1@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Gigablue NZ Visit

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Hi Aaron,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful and prompt response.

We will ensure that the full set of materials is shared with Bonnie, Matt and Andrea as well. We intend to submit the complete package next week (week commencing 2 March).

Assuming you have the material next week, the team could conduct an initial review, and then schedule the workshop during the week commencing 16 March or alternatively the week commencing 23 March, depending on your availability.

We would welcome the opportunity to use that time together to clarify sequencing under the Framework and discuss the most appropriate pathway forward.

Best regards,
Sharon

On Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 11:39 AM Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Sharon,

Thanks so much for your email, we'll look forward to seeing the information you're pulling together when it's ready. Sapir has already sent me a few documents but it would be helpful if we could also make these available to [@Bonnie Hartfield](#), [@Matt Adams](#) and [@Andrea Brandon](#) as well. As we've noted throughout our engagement to date the information you're sharing with us in the next few weeks will need to resolve some key gaps in the science and evidence around your technology, it's from this basis that we'll make decisions on how best to proceed from a policy perspective. On the timing and focus of the upcoming workshops it may be best for us to have a chance to quickly review the material you send us in the next few days and re-connect on how we can best use the time together.

I believe I've shared it before but the Assessment Framework for Carbon Removals is probably a relevant document to consider here and we can pick up a conversation around this if it would help, it lays out some quite clear scientific principles that we work to and also what the inclusion process looks like from a central government perspective, noting that of course there are additional complex legislative matters connected to your offering.

[Assessment Framework for Carbon Removals | Ministry for the Environment](#)

Note: This link redirects to: <https://environment.govt.nz/publications/assessment-framework-for-carbon-removals/>

Regards,

Aaron Napier

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Cc: Sapir Markus Alford 9(2)(a); Guy Shafran 9(2)(a)
Subject: Gigablue NZ Visit

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Dear Martin and Aaron,

I hope you are well.

Gigablue is currently finalising the additional documents requested by MfE, which we expect to submit within the next few days. In parallel, and in order to meet our 2026-2027 objectives, we would very much like to schedule an in-person workshop with the Ministry during our upcoming visit to New Zealand.

We are planning a regulation-focused visit within the 9-27 March window (Guy, Sapir and myself). The trip itself will be approximately 5 days, scheduled around the availability of key counterparts. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to dedicate two half-days to a substantive working session with MfE during that period.

The primary purpose of the requested workshop is to work together toward a clear regulatory pathway and define next steps for mCDR activities in New Zealand, and specifically for Gigablue's MCFS technology.

In particular, we hope to:

- Clarify the near-term pathway (2026–2027) for small- to mid-scale research and experimental activities, including possible bridging regulatory solutions.
- Work on the longer-term regulatory framework (2028 onward) for larger-scale activities.
- Identify practical next steps, information gaps, and a structured process moving forward.

Once we are able to confirm the two half-days with MfE, we will schedule the remainder of our meetings (EPA, Ngāi Tahu, and other stakeholders) accordingly.

This visit is intended to initiate a focused and constructive regulatory process. After two years of significant investment, we are keen to reduce uncertainty and work collaboratively with the Government and relevant stakeholders toward a workable and responsible pathway.

Please let us know your availability within the 9-27 March window, and what timing would work best for your team. Sooner is better from our side.

We appreciate your continued engagement and look forward to progressing this together.

Kind regards,
Sharon

Sharon Naveh

VP Regulatory Compliance // Gigablue

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