

From: Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 16 March 2026 10:48 am
To: environment.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz
Subject: Re: **CLASSIFICATION** RE: Actions from Minister Simmonds' officials meeting 10 March 2026

Hi Jojo,

Yes we're in contact with them, I'd be keen to chat a little later today if you have time. We out forward some items in the meeting note for Min Watts and Simmonds and keen to understand where they landed.

Regards,

Aaron Napier

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PA: Charlotte Duns | charlotte.duns@mfe.govt.nz

From: Environment Portfolio <Environment.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 10:36:13 AM

To: Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: **CLASSIFICATION** RE: Actions from Minister Simmonds' officials meeting 10 March 2026

Kia ora Aaron –

Minister Simmonds was recently invited to meet with Gigablue, which she has declined. Are you folks in communication with Cherie (email copied below), and are you due to meet with Gigablue representative during their upcoming visit later this month?

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Jojo

I am based in 9(2)(a), but am very keen to jump on a call or a Teams meeting with you to discuss Gigablue and the global teams' upcoming visit to Aotearoa, where we are hoping to have a hui with Minister Simmonds.

We are visiting from March 23rd to 25th. Leaving for Ōtautahi to attend a hui with Ngāi Tahu.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Ngā mihi, nā

Cherie Tirikatene

Director Strategic Partnerships and Cultural Engagement

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From: Environment Portfolio

Sent: Friday, 13 March 2026 4:19 pm

To: 'Aaron Napier' <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz>

Cc: Natasha Lewis <Natasha.Lewis@mfe.govt.nz>; Martin Workman <martin.workman@mfe.govt.nz>

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Thanks very much for coming back to us on this, Aaron. We'll look forward to an update from MfE/EPA on this in due course.

Hope you all have excellent weekends!

Nā

Jojo

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Sent: Friday, 13 March 2026 2:07 pm

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Cc: Natasha Lewis <Natasha.Lewis@mfe.govt.nz>; Martin Workman <martin.workman@mfe.govt.nz>

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Hi Jojo,

Thanks for this, with respect to Item 6 & 7 and the question on when Gigablue's trial concludes, the EPA letter confirms the activity should take no longer than 29 Days, so the latest (based on the information provided to the EPA – start date of 15 Feb) would be the 16th of March.

Regards,

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From: Martin Workman <martin.workman@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 11 March 2026 2:39 pm

To: Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz>

Cc: Natasha Lewis <Natasha.Lewis@mfe.govt.nz>

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Making sure you got the highlighted action below.