

From: Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 March 2026 11:12 am
To: Advice@mfe.govt.nz
Subject: Re: Commissioning: Meeting note | GigaBlue meeting on 25 March | Due: 10am Tues 24 March

It's underway :)

Regards,

Aaron Napier

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From: Advice <Advice@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 10:56:02 AM
To: Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz>
Cc: Advice <Advice@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Commissioning: Meeting note | GigaBlue meeting on 25 March | Due: 10am Tues 24 March

Kia ora Aaron,

I noticed you were cc'd into the request by Min Simmonds office for a meeting note for GigaBlue.

Please respond to this email confirming it has been picked up or let us know if this does not sit with your team.

This is due back **10am Tues 24 March**.

Further commissioning info below.

Ngā mihi,

Jolene Murray ([she/her](#))

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From: Environment Portfolio <Environment.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 March 2026 12:26 pm
To: Advice <Advice@mfe.govt.nz>
Cc: Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Commissioning: Meeting note | GigaBlue meeting on 25 March | Due: 10am Tues 24 March

Updated attendees' info in table below. Gigablue to also due to provide a briefing prior to the meeting.

From: Environment Portfolio <Environment.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 March 2026 11:49 am
To: Advice <advice@mfe.govt.nz>
Cc: Aaron Napier <aaron.napier@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: Commissioning: Meeting note | GigaBlue meeting on 25 March | Due: 10am Tues 24 March

Kia ora –

Aaron, as discussed yesterday, officially commissioning a meeting note for Minister Simmonds' upcoming meeting with GigaBlue:

- Include talking points, please.
- Can be light touch, and reference prev BRFs for detailed background info if needed.
- Original email invitation below for reference.

Due: 10am Tuesday 24 March please (I've extended the deadline owing to short notice!)

Organisation:	GigaBlue
Attendees:	Guy Shafran - Co-founder and COO Gigablue Aotearoa <i>Leads Gigablue's global operations, orchestrating manufacturing, deployment, and measurement on land and at sea.</i> Sharon Naveh - VP Regulatory Compliance <i>Ensures compliance and collaboration through communication, planning. 10 years as a senior executive</i> Neale Jones [TBC]
Officials required?	Yes
Meeting purpose:	For GigaBlue to outline the project, research objectives, and the next steps in its New Zealand programme.
Date:	Wednesday 25 March 2026
Time:	11.45am – 12.15pm
Location:	Parliament, meeting room EW 3.205

Thanks very much, team!

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Jojo Woodham

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From: 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 5:08:20 PM
To: Hon Penny Simmonds <Penny.Simmonds@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Meeting request: GigaBlue

Dear Minister Simmonds,

I am writing on behalf of our client, GigaBlue, to request a meeting with you during their visit to New Zealand in the week commencing 23 March.

GigaBlue is an ocean-based carbon dioxide removal company progressing a research project in New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone in partnership with NIWA, now Earth Sciences New Zealand. With the next phase of work planned for November 2026 to February 2027, the company is keen to provide you with an update on the programme and discuss its forward work in the Great South Basin.

As Minister with responsibility for the legislative framework governing operations in the EEZ, your interest in this work would be greatly valued. A short meeting would provide an opportunity for GigaBlue to outline the project, its research objectives, and the next steps in its New Zealand programme.

We appreciate the limited notice, but if your diary allows, we would be grateful for the opportunity to arrange a meeting at a time that suits your office.

Yours sincerely,

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