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Sent: Tuesday, 17 March 2026 12:34 pm
To: Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz; Matthew.Barbati-Ross@mfe.govt.nz; Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz
Cc: martin.workman@mfe.govt.nz
Subject: RE: **CLASSIFICATION** FW: Commissioning: Meeting note | GigaBlue meeting on 25 March | Due: 10am Tues 24 March

Kia ora,

Just a quick one from me – should probably clarify with the office that GB are not in partnership with ESNZ. They have contracted ESNZ to undertake research for them, and the reports we have seen from ESNZ have made this very clear.

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Bonnie Hartfield ([she/her](#))

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Ministry staff work flexibly by default. This means I work in the office/at home from 8:30 – 4:30.



From: Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 March 2026 12:27 pm
To: Matthew Barbati-Ross <Matthew.Barbati-Ross@mfe.govt.nz>; Matt Adams <Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz>; Bonnie Hartfield <Bonnie.Hartfield@mfe.govt.nz>
Cc: Martin Workman <martin.workman@mfe.govt.nz>
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Hi Team,

See below please, can we seek to get this underway. In terms of the focus of the note can we please cover the following:

- Briefly outline the engagement to date to set the scene for Minister Simmonds (please also note delays in receiving information)
- Be clear on the information that has been sent to us to date and our understanding of their science maturity
- Identify where we think the key challenges are for them and provide some potential responses.

I am getting a lot of messages this week from GigaBlue 9(2)(g)(i), they will undoubtedly focus on this in the meeting and so we need to ensure the Minister is prepared to respond.

Regards,

Aaron Napier
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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:	TBA – Gigablue to confirm
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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