

From: Guy Shafran 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 17 March 2026 1:43 pm
To: Aaron Napier
Subject: Re: Gigablue/MfE Meeting

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Hi
Let me check flights and get back to you
Thanks

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On Tue, 17 Mar 2026 at 1:34 Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz> wrote:

Thanks Guy,

Are you able to do 12-1 that same day?

Regards,

Aaron Napier

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Hi Aaron, thank you for your detailed response.

We see great value in discussing regulatory pathways together.

We have a double challenge: we need to find a long-term solution and, in parallel, an immediate solution for the near future.

I am afraid one hour won't be enough.

Regarding the timing, we would appreciate it if we could meet in the morning of the 26th, as we plan to meet with the Ngai Tahu in the afternoon on the same day.

Please let me know if this works for you,

Thanks

Guy

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On Tue, 17 Mar 2026 at 0:03 Aaron Napier <Aaron.Napier@mfe.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Guy, Sapir,

Thank you for sending this through for consideration, I've had a look at the proposed agenda and as mentioned I am unable to commit us to the amount of time requested next week. I am however happy to meet with you on Thursday 26th March between 2-3pm.

I completely understand the urgency but want to note that we have had several discussions and invested a considerable amount of time over the past year regarding what the process forward looks like for Gigablue, in particular, in relation to the state of the science and regulatory considerations.

We've been clear that this was subject to Gigablue providing us with more information about the underlying science and pathway forward which you have recently, but which has taken almost a year, and as discussed this is currently under consideration. The next phase upon receipt was for us to consider this and provide advice to Ministers, which we're actively working through. Beyond this there isn't much for us to discuss regarding the regulatory process as we've already outlined it extensively. Ultimately, Ministers will decide whether any work is to be undertaken on the regulatory issues you have raised.

If it helps for next week, I'd be open to having a discussion on where Gigablue is at on the work above and surface any immediate pressures and spend some time clarifying how the regulatory process is likely to unfold from here so that there is further clarity. Beyond that any immediate matters regarding applications for trials is for Gigablue to discuss with the EPA.

Regards,

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