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Subject: Meeting Invite Gigablue [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Stephen,

Note: MfE did not attend this meeting.

Lovely to e-meet you.

As Claire mentioned, here is the link to the 4:30 call today with Gigablue!

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Ngā mihi,

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Subject: RE: **CLASSIFICATION** RE: Marine carbon sequestration and our NDC **CLASSIFICATION**

Kia ora Stephen,

Referring to myself as Bonnie et al from now on, haha. Glad to hear it is one piece of advice – Matt and I have been advised to hold from starting, but we have a decent understanding of the marine barriers.

I think it would be good to get a brief back from the MFAT team. I understand they intend the meeting to be a listening exercise and will report back to us with their thoughts. ^{9(2)(h)}

Matt and I have seen the analysis Gigablue use for their assessment of the activity as “not ocean fert” and don’t think it would pass muster.

We’re both sitting down on Level 9, please feel free to come say hi!

Bonnie

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Hi Bonnie et al,

That is really good. Unless you have different commissioning, I think it is one piece of advice (from MfE at least), and you and Matt are the engines of this I hope. I wonder if we should attend the MFAT meeting with the PR company (today) as well, or at least get a back brief?

Shall I try to catch you and Matt today/tomorrow?

Steve.

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Kia ora Stephen,

Matt and I had been asked to write advice on the same topic - may be worth joining up for a climate/marine perspective?

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Kia ora Stephen

This is very timely as we have just been discussing how to engage Ministers on these issues.

MFAT doesn't have anything in the pipeline, but we have been working with your colleagues in the maritime team 9(2)(h) (Matt and Bonnie, who I have copied in) – they were also asked to prepare advice following the same climate ministerial meeting (though I understand that advice has been postponed briefly, following the Cabinet reshuffle).

There are a number of angles to this work 9(2)(h). I don't think Ministers have received any advice at this stage, so there could be real benefit in working on something joint to put up to all interested Ministers. When are you planning to put your advice up?

To provide an update since my email below – OMFA was contacted by NZCapital, a government relations group currently working with Gigablue, who requested a meeting with MFAT to discuss legal issues relating to Gigablue's activities (we will be largely in listening mode). That meeting is going ahead tomorrow afternoon.

Very happy to chat / meet if that is easier.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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