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Sent: Tuesday, 9 June 2026 10:47 am
To: Adriana.Bird@mfe.govt.nz; Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz
Subject: RE: **CLASSIFICATION** Briefing on Gigablue: review of Treaty section

Thanks Adriana! I'll pop something in the calendar for Thursday – Matt is in Tōnui today so won't have much time 😊

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Kia ora team,

Anytime today after 12 (except for 3.30) works for me 😊
And my Thursday is also pretty free

Ngā mihi,

From: Bonnie Hartfield <Bonnie.Hartfield@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 June 2026 9:13 am
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Subject: RE: **CLASSIFICATION** Briefing on Gigablue: review of Treaty section

Morena Adriana,

Matt is keen to chat about your feedback – is there a time that works best for you sometime tomorrow/Thursday?

Ngā mihi,

Bonnie

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From: Adriana Bird <Adriana.Bird@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 8 June 2026 8:00 am

To: Matt Adams <Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz>; Bonnie Hartfield <Bonnie.Hartfield@mfe.govt.nz>

Cc: Josey Lang <Josey.Lang@mfe.govt.nz>; Sam Ritchie <Sam.Ritchie@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: **CLASSIFICATION** Briefing on Gigablue: review of Treaty section

Kia ora kōrua,

I've had a read through the briefing and left some comments in the Treaty Implications section. I'm away today so I thought it might be easiest for me to provide some general feedback via email and then check in with you on any outstanding questions etc when I'm back tomorrow.

Overall, I think the section is heading in the right direction but could be strengthened by more clearly reflecting the nature of the Māori rights and interests, and why they matter in the context of this paper. i.e.

- implications for rights and interests recognised through Treaty settlements and related arrangements, including where proposed activities may affect areas, species, or marine resources of significance to iwi and hapū.
- fisheries-related rights and interests.....
- broader cultural, environmental, and relationship-based interests such as kaitiakitanga, mauri, and the relationship of iwi/hapū with the marine environment... etc.

I think it could also more directly connect Māori rights and interests to the specific regulatory issues discussed in the paper. Because the briefing is not just about the activity itself, but about whether there should be a more enabling regulatory pathway for it, it would be useful to explicitly note that any proposal for a non-notified or otherwise less participatory pathway could reduce opportunities for affected iwi and hapū to be aware of, participate in, and influence decisions about activities in marine areas and resources of significance to them.

It may also be useful to refer to the Treaty Clause in the EEZ Act (section 12)

The final paragraph currently notes that no detailed TIA or engagement has been undertaken, which is helpful, but I think it could go a step further and say that if Ministers wished to explore legislative or regulatory change to enable MCFS, further Treaty analysis and targeted engagement with affected iwi/hapū and Māori entities would be needed.

Let me know if you have any questions or want to discuss anything further and I'll set up a chat tomorrow.

Ngā mihi,
Adriana

From: Josey Lang <Josey.Lang@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 1:41 PM
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[@Adriana Bird](#) kia ora – as mentioned can you please review the MRI section of this briefing?

I am also going to tap in someone from our settlements team as there may be specific treaty settlement obligations triggered here.

Thank you so much for looping us in! Really appreciate the opportunity to review and comment.

From: Matt Adams <Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz>
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Subject: **CLASSIFICATION** Briefing on Gigablue: review of Treaty section

Hi Josey (Arnu),

We are providing advice on a marine carbon dioxide removal technology that a company called Gigablue is looking to progress in New Zealand's exclusive economic zone. The briefing doesn't make any regulatory proposals, but we see great value in highlighting Māori rights and interests in the area of interest.

We have drafted a small section expanding on this, and were wondering if your team would please be able to review this section?

The  [briefing](#) is due to go across the road on 10 June. So if possible, are you able to provide any feedback by 9 June please?

Appreciate any help you can provide,

Cheers,

Matt

Matt Adams

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