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Subject: Re: **CLASSIFICATION** Ngāi Tahu perspectives on marine carbon dioxide removals

Thanks korua. Yup, no prob will come back on this - @Matt when do you need by?

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Thanks for getting in touch Matt

Sorry am a bit busy with other stuff at moment but think this has come up in our RM reform engagement with TrONT staff

Tiahn – would you have time to get back to Matt please with any insight we might have on where TronT are at on this issue?

Tom White

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From: Matt Adams <Matt.Adams@mfe.govt.nz>
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Tēnā koe Tom,

I am in the marine policy team and am reaching out to see if you have any insights into Ngāi Tahu perspectives on marine carbon dioxide removals (mCDR)?

As a bit of context, last year we [briefed](#) the previous Minister for the Environment and the current Minister of Climate Change on mCDR (technologies that rely on the ocean and its carbon cycle to remove carbon from the atmosphere). A key player in New Zealand in this space is a company called Gigablue, who is looking to undertake mCDR in Ngāi Tahu's takiwā. Gigablue is looking to expand from ocean trials into commercial deployment over the next few years, but would likely need regulatory change to enable this (amongst other things – we consider the method is likely prohibited under international law and any removals will not be able to count towards our NDC). We are drafting a briefing on this at the moment.

We understand that Gigablue have been engaging with Ngāi Tahu, but we are keen to understand whether the topic has been raised in our engagement with Ngai Tahu, and what their views are on this type of technology. Are you aware if Ngai Tahu have raised this topic in our engagement with them? As mentioned Gigablue is one operator in this market, and we expect other parties will show interest in deploying other mCDR technologies in our waters.

We aren't looking for content to include in our briefing or to put this on any agendas for discussion. Just gathering information. Adriana suggested I contact you in the first instance. Appreciate any insights you may have, and happy to chat if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,

Matt

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