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Sent: Friday, 12 June 2026 3:42 pm
To: Bonnie.Hartfield@mfe.govt.nz; Zach.Andrew@mfe.govt.nz
Subject: RE: **CLASSIFICATION** RE: GB advice - agency feedback

Thanks both. Nice idea. Will send out Monday morning.

Agenda:

- Introductions (if necessary) [MfE]
- Update/progress made [MfE]
- Discussion on feedback to be addressed [MFAT and EPA]
- 9(2)(h)
- Timeline [MfE]

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Sent: Friday, 12 June 2026 2:53 pm

To: Bonnie Hartfield <Bonnie.Hartfield@mfe.govt.nz>; Zach Andrew <Zach.Andrew@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: CLASSIFICATION RE: GB advice - agency feedback

Hi both,

Thoughts on the below as an agenda? Aim is to get agency support for the briefing narrative and to set the path to sign-out. I am thinking of sharing a copy of the revised briefing Monday morning and/or the document summarising agency feedback and our response. This will head off discussion about things we have already addressed and focus us on where we may not currently have alignment

Agenda:

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Have a good weekend,

Cheers,

Matt

From: Matt Adams

Sent: Friday, 12 June 2026 10:12 am

To: Bonnie Hartfield <Bonnie.Hartfield@mfe.govt.nz>; Katie Mattera <Katie.Mattera@mfe.govt.nz>; Zach Andrew <Zach.Andrew@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: GB advice - agency feedback

Morning all,

Happy Friday. Our meeting with MFAT and EPA is now on Monday, thanks Bonnie for organising.

 [Here](#) is a table flagging some of the key comments made in agency feedback and our response, which may assist in our convo. A few gaps to fill.

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Cheers,

Matt

From: Matt Adams

Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 4:17 pm

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Subject: GB advice - agency feedback

Kia ora kou tou

Post receiving internal and agency feedback (MFAT and EPA) I have reworked this briefing (tweak to narrative and pulled some detail up a level or three, and bombed most of the rest into appendices) (new due date of 24 June).

Here is:

- The  [new](#) version
- The  [old](#) version
-  [MFAT](#) feedback
-  [EPA](#) feedback
- Internal feedback copied below

We are meeting with MFAT this Friday (potentially with some EPA folk, failing that EPA locking in for next week). I have remodelled to reflect the internal feedback. This addresses some of MFATs points, but I am yet to incorporate EPAs comments. On the face of it, I think EPA would like something from this briefing (legislative change to better manage mCDR) that is beyond the scope of what we have been asked for. However, we can signal it.

I'll be in touch before our meeting/s with the key things we need to resolve, but just sharing all this for your thoughts in the meantime.

Thanks again for all your help.

Cheers,

Matt

Internal review:

Its mostly about structure and length – given that there has been previous engagement and the case is very strong not to support the proposal, I felt the brief was too detailed and did not have clear advice or actions for Ministers.

Could the briefing be really shortened (with key info in appendices) as the story seems to be:

- *Ministers previously directed officials to have a watching brief on Gigablue*
- *Gigablue have requested regulatory change to support their proposals*
- *Officials do not recommend the Government agree to these changes. The science for this form of mCDR is not sound, and we would recommend only making regulatory changes once it had been through the Removals Framework. We also note that there are a range of broader environmental 9(2)(h) associated with this proposal.*
- *We recommend that Government continue to have a watching brief only and not to respond to Gigablue's request for supporting regulatory change.*
- *Also forward this brief.*

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