

## WA Govt asks Woodside to "please explain"

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**WOODSIDE Petroleum could face compensation claims from companies that had their gas supply cut off last week due to an electrical fire at the North West Shelf Venture's Karratha gas plant on the Burrup Peninsula.**

According to the *West Australian*, the companies considering compensation claims are Alinta and mining giant Rio Tinto.

But the newspaper reported that state electricity generator Verve Energy had no plans to sue.

The Karratha gas plant was brought back online Friday afternoon, a day later than Woodside had planned, due to what it described as "technical and mechanical issues".

The outage prompted WA Energy Minister Fran Logan to announce the State Government would launch its own investigation into the incident should he be dissatisfied with Woodside's response.

"I've expressed my concerns to Woodside and I've indicated to Woodside that I'll be asking very clear questions about what happened and I'll be expecting clear answers," Logan was quoted by the *West* as saying.

The gas shortage forced Verve Energy to shut some of its gas-fired generators and ask consumers to restrict electricity use, including cutting back on air-conditioning, on Wednesday.



The North West Shelf onshore gas plant at Karratha