

STATEMENT

ANWE LOOKING TO RESUME OPERATIONS

08 JANUARY 2020

ANWE advises that it suffered considerable fire damage to its wood chip export facility located at Two-Fold Bay in Eden, in the early hours of Sunday the 5th January. The highest priority has been to ensure the wellbeing of our staff and we can confirm that all employees have been accounted for and are safe.

The full extent of the damage to the stock and equipment will be assessed once the fire threat has eased and plans are being put in place for temporary and permanent resumption of operations.

ANWE has shown previously how resilient it can be in the face of natural disasters and we will be again by reinvesting in the future of sustainable, independently certified forestry activities which is the lifeblood of timber communities such as Eden. ANWE remains committed to resuming normal operations but also to its previous commitment of investing in a sawmill and briquette plant at the Eden site and in doing so bring further opportunities to the people of the region.

ANWE values the local community within which it is located and is aware of the importance of its operations for the economy in the Eden Monaro region, both directly and indirectly.

ANWE will work closely with Government and Council to ensure that support and adequate resource is provided to enable us to rebuild as swiftly as possible.

Finally, ANWE extends its enormous gratitude to the efforts of staff, and representatives from the Rural Fire Service, and Forestry NSW for their brave and selfless work in fighting the fire.