

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500148**

Cessna 150G

20 September 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500148 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Muresk WA

Date: 20 September 1985 **Time:** N/A

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1

Aircraft Details: Cessna 150G

Registration: VH-RZD

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Travel

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Muresk WA

Departure Time: N/A

Destination: Northam WA

Approved for Release: 17th October, 1985

Circumstances:

Earlier in the day the pilot had flown the aircraft from his farm to Muresk. Because no fuel was available at Muresk, he decided to fly the aircraft to Northam, 13 kilometres to the north. Just after the aircraft became airborne, the engine lost power. The pilot was committed to landing in a paddock. During the landing sequence the aircraft struck a fence and ran over a depressed roadway, tearing off the nosegear. The loss of engine power was due to fuel exhaustion. Prior to commencing the take off, the pilot did not check the quantity in the fuel tanks, nor did he calculate the remaining fuel endurance.