

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198903839**

Maxair Drifter

8 June 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198903839
Location: Gordonvale QLD
Date: 8 June 1989
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1745

	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: Maxair Drifter
Registration: 25-0193
Serial Number: N/K
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Deeral QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Deeral QLD

Approved for Release: 3rd July 1989

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that he was opening the throttle to gain height whilst flying over a cane crop at about 100 feet when the engine failed. The aircraft was landed in the cane crop and the landing gear was bent. The factory fitted swaging on the throttle cable at the carburettor end had come off allowing the throttle to close. This occurrence was not the subject of an on-site investigation and the above report is based on information provided by the pilot.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. Failure of throttle cable swaging.
2. The pilot was committed to land in unsuitable terrain.