

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198500664**

**Gates LR35 Learjet**

**20 August 1985**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198500664  
**Location:** Tindal NT  
**Date:** 20 August 1985  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 423

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	2	2
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Gates LR35 Learjet  
**Registration:** VH-WFE  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Carriage of Freight  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Alice Springs NT  
**Departure Time:** 0423  
**Destination:** Tindal NT

**Approved for Release:** 21st October, 1985

**Circumstances:**

The aircraft was making a landing 45 minutes before first light. During the landing roll a wallaby was seen bounding towards the aircraft. The animal was struck by the left main gear leg and the force of this collision resulted in portion of the wallaby being flung into the left flap. The aerodrome boundary fence is of the standard post and wire construction, which is relatively easy for wildlife to negotiate. Discussions with local residents indicate that wildlife numbers are greater in this area than they have been for some years.