

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198903761**

Berg Falke IV

13 January 1989

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau. Relevant details were supplied by the pilot and the Gliding Federation of Australia.

Occurrence Number: 198903761
Location: Gympie QLD
Date: 13 January 1989
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1110

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	1	0
Total	0	0	2	0

Aircraft Details: Berg Falke IV
Registration: VH-GZQ
Serial Number: 5817
Operation Type: Private (Gliding)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Gympie QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Gympie QLD

Approved for Release: 14 April 1989

Circumstances:

It was reported that the pilot lost control of the glider and landed heavily while operating in winds of 25-30 knots.

Significant Factors:

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

1. Wind conditions were unfavourable for the pilot's level of skill and experience.
2. Inadequate supervision was exercised by the particular gliding Club.