

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198503523**

Cessna 172-M

17 July 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198503523 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: 5 km NW of Palparara Station, 140 km NW Windorah QLD

Date: 17 July 1985 **Time:** 1545

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 172-M

Registration: VH-DXE

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Positioning

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Palparara Station QLD

Departure Time: 1540

Destination: 5 km NW of Palparara
Station QLD

Approved for Release: 24th September 1985

Circumstances:

After landing on a claypan, the pilot taxied the aircraft along a track to pick up a passenger. The right mainwheel entered an area of bulldust and the aircraft swung to the right off the track. As the pilot was manoeuvring the aircraft back onto the track the right wing struck a tree. The pilot was attempting to save time by taxiing towards the passenger. Forward visibility was impaired as the pilot was looking into the sun and there was glare on the windscreen. The tree struck was the only obstruction in the area.