

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500655**

Cessna 172N

6 April 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500655 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Coastal Plains Research Station NT (50 km SE of Darwin)

Date: 6 April 1985 **Time:** 735

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 172N

Registration: VH-PVO

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Survey

Damage Level: Destroyed

Departure Point: Darwin NT

Departure Time: 0735

Destination: Coastal Plains Research
Station NT

Approved for Release: 22nd May, 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot had operated into the strip two weeks prior to the accident flight, and saw a powerline that had apparently been diverted underground, near one end. After checking with his passengers who were familiar with the area, a landing was made. On this flight a flatter approach was made and the nose leg snagged on the powerline causing the aircraft to impact the ground in a steep nose down attitude. The 10 metre high powerline had been diverted to cross the approach area, above ground, 274 metres from the threshold.