

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198503501**

Cessna 172G

5 March 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198503501
Location: Malco Bore,
Date: 5 March 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: N/K

	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 172G
Registration: VH-PLX
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Aerial mustering
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Malco Bore 85 km SSW of
Windorah QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Malco Bore QLD

Approved for Release: 19th July, 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot who was inexperienced in mustering operations was impressed with the efficiency of the other members of the mustering team. So as not to be seen to be wasting time, the pilot elected to land downwind on the shorter strip instead of clearing cattle from the main strip. However, he did not notice a washout crossing the shorter strip. During the landing roll the aircraft entered the washout and the nosegear leg was broken off, the propeller, engine cowling and right wing were also damaged.