

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198400056**

Conaero LA4-200

21 December 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198400056
Location: Aircraft Missing
Date: 21 December 1984
Highest Injury Level: Fatal
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1651

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

Aircraft Details: Conaero LA4-200
Registration: VH-AOW
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Charter - Positioning Flight
Damage Level: Not Known
Departure Point: Lindeman Island QLD
Departure Time: 1651
Destination: Hook Reef, 40km NE of
Hook Island QLD

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Circumstances:

Throughout the afternoon the pilot had flown the aircraft on a number of sorties in the area. During the subject flight the pilot reported abeam a point on Hook Island, enroute to pick up some passengers he had dropped off earlier. No further communications were received from the aircraft. An extensive search failed to find any trace of the aircraft. A thorough investigation has found no reason for the disappearance of the aircraft.