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## Transcript

### **Preliminary report into the collision with terrain involving UH-1H, VH-HUE, 24 km SE of Talbingo, NSW on 17 April 2018**

**Spokesperson:** Mr Patrick Hornby, Executive Director Transport Safety, Australian Transport Safety Bureau

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#### **Grab 1\_Balloon\_VH-EUA\_Patrick Hornby**

“The accident happened when the balloon encountered an unexpected wind change. An emergency landing was conducted, resulting in the balloon coming down hard. Some of the passengers were confused about what to do, and 11 were injured.”

#### **Grab 2\_Balloon\_VH-EUA\_Patrick Hornby**

“There are some important safety lessons from this accident. It is good practice to ensure that all passengers know what they need to do after they have boarded the basket, including what they need to do in an emergency situation. Passengers need reminders.”

#### **Grab 2\_Balloon\_VH-EUA\_Patrick Hornby**

“Pilots also need accurate weather information to avoid unexpected events like a weather change. The Bureau of Meteorology has updated its system to ensure the best information is available.”

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