

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199301227**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Titan**

06 May 1993

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Occurrence Number: 199301227 **Occurrence Type:** Incident
Location: Restricted Area 505
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Thursday 06 May 1993
Time: 1810 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 404
Aircraft Registration: VH-ARQ **Serial Number:** 4040219
Type of Operation: Charter Cargo
Damage to Aircraft: Nil
Departure Point: Bankstown NSW
Departure Time: 0810 EST
Destination: Canberra ACT

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The pilot said that after he had reported ready for takeoff at the holding point for runway 11 centre he was told that there would be a 5 minute delay in obtaining an airways clearance. After about 10 minutes he was advised that he could depart Bankstown, remaining outside controlled airspace (OCTA). He decided to proceed because he was obstructing other traffic.

The aircraft was observed to track directly through the centre of restricted area R505 which was activated. Mode C radar readout showed the aircraft on climb to 3000 feet, confirming that the pilot had penetrated the restricted area and the control area without clearance.

The pilot said he was unfamiliar with Sydney airspace boundaries and had Jeppesen charts for reference. He said in hindsight he should not have departed under the circumstances, but decided to do so as he felt he was impeding other traffic on the ground at Bankstown.