

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198403561**

Bell 206L-1

29 March 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198403561 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Sth Mt Hayward, 85 km SSE of Leigh Creek SA

Date: 29 March 1984 **Time:** 1040

Highest Injury Level: Serious

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	1	0	1
Total	0	1	0	2

Aircraft Details: Bell 206L-1

Registration: VH-BJX

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Positioning for
Communications Test

Damage Level: Nil

Departure Point: "Oraparinna" 102 km SSE
of Leigh Creek SA

Departure Time: 1040

Destination: South Mt Hayward

Approved for Release: 15th August, 1984

Circumstances:

As part of a communications propagation test, personnel were to be positioned in the Oraparinna National Park by helicopter. One person was being lowered by winch when, at about 3 metres below the helicopter and 4 metres above the ground, his harness became detached from the winch hook and he fell to the ground. The reason for the harness becoming detached from the winch hook could not be determined.