

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198703495**

Bellanca 8-GCBC Scout

22 August 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198703495 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Loch View (15 km SW Boonah) QLD

Date: 22 August 1987 **Time:** 1636

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Bellanca 8-GCBC Scout

Registration: VH-SUT

Serial Number: 340-80

Operation Type: Private (Positioning)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Boonah QLD

Departure Time: 1630

Destination: Loch View QLD

Approved for Release: September 18th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot was approaching to land on an undulating 586 metre strip. A tow rope was connected to the aircraft, as the pilot intended to tow launch a glider from the strip. He aimed to touchdown well into the strip so that the trailing tow rope would not foul the strip boundary fence. The aircraft floated longer than the pilot expected and touched down at the commencement of the uphill sloping section of the strip. In an effort to stop the aircraft before reaching the glider parked at the end of the strip, the pilot applied braking before the tailwheel had settled on the ground. The aircraft subsequently nosed over and came to rest inverted on the strip. The pilot did not attempt to go-around, as he was concerned that the tow rope might foul a fence during the climb out. He had overlooked the tow rope quick release facility available to him. Neither the pilot nor the operator had ensured that the strip was suitable for the proposed operation.