

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198703518**

**Foka-5**

**30 October 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198703518  
**Location:** 6 km W Oakey QLD  
**Date:** 30 October 1987  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 1500 DEPART

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Foka-5  
**Registration:** VH-GEF  
**Serial Number:** W547  
**Operation Type:** Private  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** McCaffrey Field QLD  
**Departure Time:** N/K  
**Destination:** McCaffrey Field QLD

**Approved for Release:** December 9th 1987

**Circumstances:**

The aircraft was on the last leg of a cross country flight when an area of sink was encountered. The pilot was forced to make a landing in a paddock. During the subsequent landing roll the aircraft struck a concealed rock which resulted in the fuselage breaking just forward of the tailplane. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.