

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
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Cessna A188B-A1

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1. The night was dark with a barely discernable horizon on certain headings.
2. The pilot, although qualified in night spraying, was relatively inexperienced in the role.
3. While executing an inbound turn for the first spraying run, the pilot did not realise that the aircraft was gently descending.