

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198601399**

Schneider ES 60 Super Arrow

19 January 1986

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Occurrence Number: 198601399

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 8 km West Ross TAS

Date: 19 January 1986

Time: 1225

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: Schneider ES 60 Super
Arrow

Registration: VH-GYT

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Private (Gliding)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Woodbury TAS

Departure Time: 1225

Destination: Woodbury TAS

Approved for Release: April 16th 1986

Circumstances:

The pilot had been soaring in wave conditions, when sink was encountered and an outlanding became necessary. The field initially selected was obstructed by a power line and the pilot manoeuvred towards another area. On late final approach the aircraft collided with a single strand power line and subsequently struck the ground heavily. The pilot later advised that he had seen a pole supporting the line but had thought it was aligned in another direction. The large distance between the poles supporting the power line reduced the possibility of the pilot being able to accurately assess the direction of the line.