

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198703493**

De Havilland DHC2 Amphibian

13 August 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198703493 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Hayman Island QLD
Date: 13 August 1987 **Time:** 655
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: De Havilland DHC2
Amphibian
Registration: VH-HQE
Serial Number: 298
Operation Type: Charter
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Shute Harbour QLD
Departure Time: 0655
Destination: Hayman Island QLD

Approved for Release: August 24th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilots DEPARTURE from Shute Harbour aerodrome had been delayed and he was running late for his arrival at Hayman Island. During the short flight he noticed that the cruising indicated airspeed was slightly less than normal, but attributed this to the possibility of water in the pitot system, a problem that he had encountered the previous day in another aircraft. On touchdown for the water landing, the pilot realised that the wheels were still extended. He attempted to prevent the floats digging in but the left wing struck the water before the aircraft came to rest.