**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198502532**

Piper PA30 Twin Comanche

3 May 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198502532 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 24 Km ENE Hay NSW
Date: 3 May 1985 **Time:** 1635 (Aprx)
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: Piper PA30 Twin Comanche
Registration: VH-TOD
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Carriage of freight
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Hay NSW
Departure Time: 1635 (Aprx)
Destination: Griffith NSW

Approved for Release: 29th July, 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot elected to conduct the flight at a very low height above the ground. The aircraft collided with power lines, which severed the top 10 centimetres of the rudder. Control of the aircraft was maintained and a safe landing was made at the intended destination.