

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198802344**

Rolladen Schneider LS4A

30 January 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198802344

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 2 km NW of Forbes NSW

Date: 30 January 1988

Time: 1315

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: Rolladen Schneider LS4A

Registration: VH-GXP

Serial Number: 4258

Operation Type: Private (Gliding)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Forbes NSW

Departure Time: 1310

Destination: Forbes NSW

Approved for Release: 1 March 1988

Circumstances:

During the initial climb of an aerotow launch, the glider experienced strong sink. The pilot released from the tow, but the sink persisted. The pilot attempted to return to the aerodrome, and continued with this attempt beyond the point where a safe outlanding could be made. A straight-in approach was made to a paddock, where shortly after touchdown the aircraft collided with a ditch and a fence.