

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500650**

ES 60 Mark 2 "Boomerang"

26 January 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500650

Location: 50 km SE of Port Pirie SA

Date: 26 January 1985

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1505

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0

Aircraft Details: ES 60 Mark 2 "Boomerang"

Registration: VH-GTL

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Cross Country Qualification

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Whitwarta SA

Departure Time: 1255

Destination: Whitwarta SA

Approved for Release: 25th March 1985

Circumstances:

During a cross country flight the glider encountered an area of sink. The pilot was unable to find any updraughts and selected a paddock in which to land. As the glider was on short final, it suddenly lost height and collided with the boundary fence of the paddock. The pilot was inexperienced on type and also lacked recent experience of outlandings. The paddock selected gave a shorter landing distance than desirable and the pilot aimed for a lower than normal height to cross the boundary fence. When sudden sink was encountered in the hot, turbulent conditions the pilot was unable to prevent colliding with the fence.