

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198803525**

Bedson Resurgam Mk 2

2 December 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198803525

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Watts Bridge - 5 km NE Toogoolawah QLD

Date: 2 December 1988

Time: 1050

Highest Injury Level: Fatal

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Bedson Resurgam Mk 2

Registration: N/A

Serial Number: 10 0944

Operation Type: Private - Sport Aviation

Damage Level: Destroyed

Departure Point: Watts Bridge QLD

Departure Time: N/K

Destination: Watts Bridge QLD

Approved for Release: February 20th 1989

Circumstances:

A witness, who lives alongside the airstrip, observed the aircraft flying in a north-south direction, about 300 feet above ground level and about 300 metres to the east of his position. The witness took particular notice of the actions of the aircraft and watched as it porpoised three times before diving steeply into the ground. Inspection of the wreckage revealed no defect which may have contributed to the accident. Weather at the time was fine, wind was light and variable, and the aircraft was being flown over flat pastureland. Investigation revealed that the pilot suffered from epilepsy, had heart disease, and that this was his first flight for over one year.

Significant Factors:

The following factor was considered relevant to the development of the accident Control of the aircraft was lost under circumstances which could not be positively determined, but which were possibly related to the pilot's physical condition and/or his lack of recent flying experience.