

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702403**

De Havilland DH 82-A

26 April 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702403
Location: Camden NSW
Date: 26 April 1987
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: N/K

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: De Havilland DH 82-A
Registration: VH-PFL
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private (Pleasure)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Camden NSW
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: The Oaks NSW

Approved for Release: June 2nd 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that after commencing the takeoff run, when he applied forward pressure on the control column to raise the tail, the tail rose more rapidly than normal. He was unable to correct the situation and the propeller struck the ground several times before the aircraft overturned. It was likely that the takeoff had been commenced in light tailwind conditions. The aircraft had travelled a distance of 22 metres from the start of the takeoff roll to the point where the propeller initially struck the ground. The pilot had only limited experience on the aircraft type. It was possible that he had applied excessive forward movement of the control column, or that he had moved the column too rapidly.