

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702451**

De Havilland DH82-A

27 December 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702451
Location: Rylstone NSW
Date: 27 December 1987
Highest Injury Level: Serious
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1445

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

Aircraft Details: De Havilland DH82-A
Registration: VH-AGY
Serial Number: A17-60
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Rylstone NSW
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Bathurst NSW

Approved for Release: 19 April 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot was departing into strong and gusty wind conditions. The aircraft was observed to climb steeply to about 200 feet above ground level. It then entered a descending turn to the right, at a low airspeed. The descent continued with the aircraft in a nose high attitude, and a wing was seen to drop shortly before ground impact. The pilot subsequently reported the engine was delivering full power throughout the flight. Another pilot who had flown a number of flights in the area during the day, reported that he had encountered pronounced areas of sink to the north of the strip. It was considered that while attempting to fly out of similar conditions, the pilot had allowed the airspeed to decay and the aircraft had stalled. There had been insufficient height available for the pilot to effect recovery. This accident was not the subject of an on-scene investigation.