

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198903819**

De Havilland DH82

5 November 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198903819 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Monduran Station (52 km W Bundaberg) QLD
Date: 5 November 1989 **Time:** 1515
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: De Havilland DH82
Registration: VH-RTA
Serial Number: T291
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Monduran Station QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Monduran Station QLD

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Circumstances:

The pilot had landed and was taxiing into the parking area on a slight down slope. He became aware that he had misjudged his distance from a fence post and applied a burst of power in an attempt to turn the aircraft and avoid the post. The lower right wing struck the post, causing the main spar to break. This accident was not the subject of a formal on-scene investigation.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The pilot misjudged the horizontal clearance from an obstacle.
2. The pilot took avoidance action too late to prevent a collision with the obstacle.