

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198803495**

Cessna P210-N

9 November 1988

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This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.

Occurrence Number: 198803495 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 35km SSW of Dunbar QLD
Date: 9 November 1988 **Time:** 1530
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	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: Cessna P210-N
Registration: VH-DIH
Serial Number: P210-00017
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: 80km SSW of Dunbar QLD
Departure Time: 1520
Destination: 35km SSW of Dunbar QLD

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Circumstances:

A truck belonging to the pilot's company became bogged on the Normanton - Dunbar road. It was on its way to Rutland with materials needed at the property before the rain closed the road until the end of the Wet Season. A Carpenteria Shire grader was available to move the truck and two others also bogged. Unfortunately the grader had two flat tyres and no spares were available on site. Because of threatening rain the pilot offered to fly the grader driver to his camp to pick up some serviceable tubes. After locating the camp the pilot selected a stretch of road which after an aerial inspection appeared suitable for landing. Towards the end of the landing roll the aircraft veered left slightly under braking forces and the left wing tip struck a dead sapling not seen by the pilot during the aerial inspection.

Significant Factors:

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

1. The area selected unsuitable area for landing - road width inadequate.
2. The pilot did not see a dead sapling in time to avoid a collision.
3. The road surface was soft.
4. The pilot was pre-occupied with his bogged truck and anxious about the possibility of rain closing the road.