

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198903844**

Drifter A 503

13 August 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198903844
Location: Bronte Station QLD
Date: 13 August 1989
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1430

	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: Drifter A 503
Registration: AUF25-308
Serial Number: N/K
Operation Type: Sport Aviation
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Mulga Forest QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Bronte Station QLD

Approved for Release: 31st August 1989

Circumstances:

The pilot said that he was flying the aircraft at 350 feet above the ground when the engine stopped suddenly. During the glide to earth, he carried out carburettor icing clearing procedures, switched the electric fuel pump on and attempted two engine starts, all to no avail. During the subsequent ground roll, the pilot was unable to avoid collisions with trees and an anthill. After the dust settled, he attempted an engine start which was successful. The reason for the engine stoppage has not been determined.