

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199000086**

Robinson R22B

11 May 1990

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199000086 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 60km W of Moola Bulla Station WA
Date: 11 May 1990 **Time:** 1000
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: Robinson R22B
Registration: VH-LDE
Serial Number: 1283
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Moola Bulla Station WA
Departure Time: Not Known
Destination: Moola Bulla Station WA

Approved for Release: 3rd July 1990

Circumstances:

There was a strong easterly wind blowing when the pilot landed. After landing he left the main rotor drive engaged and did not secure the collective control with the latch that was provided for that purpose. A sudden gust of wind caused the collective pitch, on the main rotor blades, to increase and the aircraft lifted off. The pilot regained control of the helicopter, but he was unable to avoid colliding with a tree.