Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198400027

Hiller UH-12E

14 June 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198400027 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: "Bamboo" Outstation, Aurukun QLD

Date: 14 June 1984 **Time:** N/K

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Hiller UH-12E

Registration: VH-FBQ

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Dual Mustering Training

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: "Bamboo" Outstation QLD

Departure Time: N/K

Destination: "Bamboo" Outstation QLD

Approved for Release: 6th March, 1985

Circumstances:

Cattle were being mustered from open country with the helicopter operating at 15 to 20 feet agl in wind gusting to 25 kt. At the completion of one downwind run the trainee flared instead of turning into wind. The main rotor blades overpitched and the helicopter struck the ground heavily, tail down, before the instructor could recover control of the situation.