

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198703521**

Maule M5-235C

25 November 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198703521

Location: Springfield Station (60 km SE Windorah) QLD

Date: 25 November 1987

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 600

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0

Aircraft Details: Maule M5-235C

Registration: VH-MEO

Serial Number: 7229C

Operation Type: Private (Medical Evacuation)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Tenham Station QLD

Departure Time: 0550

Destination: Springfield Station QLD

Approved for Release: December 17th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot received a request at 5am from a neighbouring property to fly a seriously ill person to a hospital some 150 kilometres away. During the approach to the property strip the pilot realised that the aircraft was too high and too fast so he attempted a sideslip to lose altitude. The aircraft floated the full length of the strip before the pilot decided to go around. During the go-around the aircraft stalled at about 50 feet above the ground after the pilot had commenced a steeply banked climbing turn to avoid trees.