

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198703472**

Cessna T337-B

7 April 1987

Readers are advised that the Australian Transport Safety Bureau investigates for the sole purpose of enhancing transport safety. Consequently, Bureau reports are confined to matters of safety significance and may be misleading if used for any other purposes.

Investigations commenced on or before 30 June 2003, including the publication of reports as a result of those investigations, are authorised by the CEO of the Bureau in accordance with Part 2A of the Air Navigation Act 1920.

Investigations commenced after 1 July 2003, including the publication of reports as a result of those investigations, are authorised by the CEO of the Bureau in accordance with the Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003 (TSI Act). Reports released under the TSI Act are not admissible as evidence in any civil or criminal proceedings.

NOTE: All air safety occurrences reported to the ATSB are categorised and recorded. For a detailed explanation on Category definitions please refer to the ATSB website at www.atsb.gov.au.

Occurrence Number: 198703472
Location: Maer Island QLD
Date: 7 April 1987
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: N/K

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	4
Total	0	0	0	5

Aircraft Details: Cessna T337-B
Registration: VH-DPX
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Charter-Carriage of passengers
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Lockhart River QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Maer Island QLD

Approved for Release: November 23rd 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that he had difficulty obtaining effective braking during the landing roll, due to a grassed, wet strip surface. He was able to initiate a groundloop near the end of the landing roll but the aircraft drifted sideways off the side of the strip prior to the upwind threshold. Very heavy rain had fallen during the previous night and up until 30 minutes prior to the landing, and there were areas of standing water on the strip. The airstrip was not suitable for the intended operation.