

Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198602668

Libelle H201B

10 October 1986

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

Occurrence Number: 198602668

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 5 km West Wyreema QLD

Date: 10 October 1986

Time: 1350

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: Libelle H201B

Registration: VH-GCP

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Miscellaneous (Gliding)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Jondaryan QLD

Departure Time: 1150 approx

Destination: Jondaryan QLD

Approved for Release: January 15th 1987

Circumstances:

Because of deteriorating lift conditions, the pilot elected to make an outlanding. The paddock selected had been recently ploughed and the surface was soft. Almost immediately after touchdown the glider yawed, then groundlooped through 90 degrees, resulting in a compression fracture of the fuselage. It was likely that the glider had been affected by a sudden wind gust shortly after touchdown, and the pilot had been unable to maintain directional control.