

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198803478**

Cessna 172-N

29 August 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198803478

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Escott Station, 12km West of Burketown QLD

Date: 29 August 1988

Time: 1050

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: Cessna 172-N

Registration: VH-MMX

Serial Number: 17269475

Operation Type: Aerial Work

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Escott Station QLD

Departure Time: N/A

Destination: Escott Station QLD

Approved for Release: March 13th 1989

Circumstances:

After six dual check circuits the pilot commenced his second solo flight from the 18 strip. The surface wind was 150`/15 knots. At about five feet above the ground on the first landing the aircraft started veering to the left. The pilot commenced an overshoot but the left wing dropped and the aircraft continued to veer left. The throttle was closed but the pilot was unable to prevent the aircraft running off the strip into the trees. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The pilot was inexperienced.
2. He did not compensate correctly for the wind conditions.
3. The flight controls were not operated correctly, flying speed was lost and directional control was not maintained.