

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199003095**

Hughes 269-C

24 August 1990

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199003095 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Laglan Station (100km WNW of Clermont) QLD
Date: 24 August 1990 **Time:** 1340
Highest Injury Level: Serious
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Hughes 269-C
Registration: VH-PHU
Serial Number: 790808
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Laglan Station QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Laglan Station QLD

Approved for Release: 13th September 1990

Circumstances:

During the final approach over a station dam, the helicopter lost height suddenly in a strong down draft. The right skid hooked under a power line which resulted in the loss of control of the helicopter which crashed upside down at the water's edge. A strong South-Westerly wind pattern was established over the area. The approach path was downwind from a stand of large trees.