

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198400051**

Hiller UH12E

30 November 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198400051 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Wyena Station, 37 km NW of Moranbah, QLD

Date: 30 November 1984 **Time:** 1328

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: Hiller UH12E

Registration: VH-FBH

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Business travel

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Wyena Station, QLD

Departure Time: 1328

Destination: Broadmeadow Station, 22
km N of Moranbah, QLD

Approved for Release: 19th December, 1984

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that, shortly after commencing to cruise at about 750 feet agl, the helicopter encountered a willy willy and was thrown almost upside down. During the recovery actions, right pedal was applied rapidly and the operating cable broke. An auto-rotational landing was initiated but, just prior to touchdown, another willy willy struck the helicopter and it landed while spinning under the influence of this disturbance.