

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198803457**

Cessna 172-H

29 April 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198803457
Location: Eurong, Fraser Island QLD
Date: 29 April 1988
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-H
Registration: VH-WKB
Serial Number: 17256002
Operation Type: Private (Business)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Hervey Bay QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Eurong QLD

Approved for Release: 20 June 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that he was taxiing on the beach when the nose wheel encountered a soft patch of sand. The propeller and a wing were bent. The tide at the time was about half way between low and high. The pilot had frequently operated from this particular stretch of beach. On this occasion he had not noticed that an area of soft sand existed in his taxi path. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.