

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198902547**

Cessna 177-A

18 March 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198902547
Location: Cowra NSW
Date: 18 March 1989
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1530

	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: Cessna 177-A
Registration: VH-EID
Serial Number: 17701172
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Cowra NSW
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Cowra NSW

Approved for Release: 3rd January 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot said that during a landing approach to runway 33 at Cowra the engine suffered a complete loss of power. The aircraft was landed in a paddock near the aerodrome. During the landing roll the aircraft struck a fence, resulting in a steel stake penetrating the left side of the fuselage and the adjacent rear passenger seat. From information supplied by the pilot, the loss of power was probably due to fuel exhaustion as a result of his miscalculation of the overall fuel consumption rate of the aircraft. This occurrence was not the subject of an on-site investigation. The report is based on information supplied by the pilot.