

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198703513**

**Cessna 172-N**

**9 October 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198703513                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Obi Obi (28 km WSW Maroochydore) QLD  
**Date:** 9 October 1987                      **Time:** 1005  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna 172-N  
**Registration:** VH-MSJ  
**Serial Number:** 172-71896  
**Operation Type:** Private (Pleasure)  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Emerald QLD  
**Departure Time:** 0700  
**Destination:** Redcliffe QLD

**Approved for Release:** December 17th 1987

**Circumstances:**

The pilot stated that during the flight the cloud base gradually lowered until he found himself in a valley with the cloud on the hilltops. The cloud also closed in behind the aircraft and the pilot decided to find a suitable area and land. He selected an area with some fences running through it and landed the aircraft. During the landing roll the tail section of the aircraft struck a fence post.