

**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
Total	0	0	0	2

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.