

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198402356**

Cessna 182-A

17 December 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198402356 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Interview River, 25 Km S of Sandy Cape, TAS

Date: 17 December 1984 **Time:** 1500

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 182-A

Registration: VH-KLJ

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Business Flight

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Sandy Cape TAS

Departure Time: 1500

Destination: Interview River TAS

Approved for Release: 5th March, 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot decided to land at the strip to check on the welfare of two mining company employees working in the area. During the latter stages of the landing roll the nosewheel entered a soft area and dug in, causing the aircraft to overturn. As the mining company's base radio was unserviceable and the ground personnel were not expecting the aircraft, the pilot was not able to establish the condition of the strip. Although it appeared serviceable from the air, the strip contained a section where water from recent rain had accumulated and resulted in the surface in that area being soft and wet.