

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198602363**

Hughes 269 A

16 December 1986

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Occurrence Number: 198602363
Location: 55 km NE Bourke NSW
Date: 16 December 1986
Highest Injury Level: Serious
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: 1830

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	1	0	0
Total	0	1	0	1

Aircraft Details: Hughes 269 A
Registration: VH-JMY
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Aerial Work (Cattle
Mustering)
Damage Level: Destroyed
Departure Point: Corella Station NSW
Departure Time: 1830
Destination: Corella Station NSW

Approved for Release: March 11th 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot was mustering cattle towards a crush. The last animal was reluctant to enter the gate into the crush, and the pilot flew low and behind the animal to encourage it to move. The front of the left landing skid caught under the top wire of the adjacent fence. The aircraft pitched forward and struck the tubular steel crush before coming to rest on its side. Visibility was reduced by dust. The accident occurred during a period of high pilot workload and eleven and one half hours after the pilot had commenced work for the day.