

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198201379**

Cessna 182E

2 March 1982

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Occurrence Number: 198201379
Location: Wallis Island Forster NSW
Date: 2 March 1982
Highest Injury Level: Fatal
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: 830

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 182E
Registration: VH-RIT
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Personal Transport
Damage Level: Destroyed
Departure Point: Bankstown NSW
Departure Time: 0830
Destination: Wallis Island Forster NSW

Approved for Release: 11th September, 1984

Circumstances:

The weather was fine when the pilot departed Bankstown, however, deteriorating conditions were encountered enroute. Communication was lost with the aircraft after the pilot reported he was holding at a point some 15 kilometres from his destination. Searchers subsequently discovered the wreckage of the aircraft in water, 900 metres from the intended landing strip. No fault was found with the aircraft that would have been likely to contribute to the accident. Thunderstorms, low cloud and extremely heavy rain were present in the area. It is probable that the pilot was manoeuvring the aircraft for a landing when it struck the water.