Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198900234

Piper PA-28

17th March 1989

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Occurrence Number:		198900234			Occurrence Type: Accident	
Location:		Wagin WA				
Date:		17th March 1989			Time: 1345	
Highest Injury Level:		Nil				
Injuries:						
			Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
		Crew	0	0	1	1
		Ground	0	0	0	-
		Passenger	0	0	0	0
		Total	0	0	0	1
Aircraft Details:	Piper P.	A-28				
	VH-PPU					
Serial Number:	28-22992					
Operation Type:	Aerial Work					
Damage Level:	Substantial					
Departure Point:	Wagin WA					
Departure Time:	1255					

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Wagin WA

Circumstances:

Destination:

The student pilot had completed a period of instruction and a follow-up solo sortie on the morning of the accident. He was landing following a further period of solo circuits when the accident occurred. The aircraft appeared to touch down normally but then veered to the right without any apparent attempts at correction. The aircraft left the runway and crossed a small embankment before going through a fence into the adjoining paddock. It is possible that the pilot had reached task saturation after the third hour of flying involving stalling, incipient spins and circuit work. The pilot was also tending to land flat and fast. It is probable that the aircraft started to "wheelbarrow" as a result of the approach technique used and the pilot did not react in time to avoid the DEPARTURE from the runway.