

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500655**

Cessna 172N

6 April 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500655**Occurrence Type:** Accident**Location:** Coastal Plains Research Station NT (50 km SE of Darwin)**Date:** 6 April 1985**Time:** 735**Highest Injury Level:** Minor**Injuries:**

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 172N**Registration:** VH-PVO**Serial Number:****Operation Type:** Survey**Damage Level:** Destroyed**Departure Point:** Darwin NT**Departure Time:** 0735**Destination:** Coastal Plains Research
Station NT**Approved for Release:** 22nd May, 1985**Circumstances:**

The pilot had operated into the strip two weeks prior to the accident flight, and saw a powerline that had apparently been diverted underground, near one end. After checking with his passengers who were familiar with the area, a landing was made. On this flight a flatter approach was made and the nose leg snagged on the powerline causing the aircraft to impact the ground in a steep nose down attitude. The 10 metre high powerline had been diverted to cross the approach area, above ground, 274 metres from the threshold.