

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198503501**

**Cessna 172G**

**5 March 1985**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198503501  
**Location:** Malco Bore,  
**Date:** 5 March 1985  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna 172G  
**Registration:** VH-PLX  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Aerial mustering  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Malco Bore 85 km SSW of Windorah QLD  
**Departure Time:** N/K  
**Destination:** Malco Bore QLD

**Approved for Release:** 19th July, 1985

**Circumstances:**

The pilot who was inexperienced in mustering operations was impressed with the efficiency of the other members of the mustering team. So as not to be seen to be wasting time, the pilot elected to land downwind on the shorter strip instead of clearing cattle from the main strip. However, he did not notice a washout crossing the shorter strip. During the landing roll the aircraft entered the washout and the nosegear leg was broken off, the propeller, engine cowling and right wing were also damaged.