

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198200035**

Cessna 172F

7 June 1982

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Occurrence Number: 198200035 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: 5 km SW of Keeroongooloo Homestead QLD

Date: 7 June 1982 **Time:** 1145

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: Cessna 172F

Registration: VH-DFW

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Aerial Cattle Spotting

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Keeroongooloo Homestead
QLD

Departure Time: 1135

Destination: Keeroongooloo Homestead
QLD

Approved for Release: 19th June 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that while cattle-spotting at about 200 feet above ground level the engine lost power. He commenced a forced landing into a large clearing when, at about 30 feet, the engine regained power. He reported that he attempted to fly away but the aircraft sank, nose-down and left wing low, to the ground. Examination of the engine found no explanation for the reported loss of power. The left wingtip had scraped the ground for a distance of 28 metres, with the aircraft banked at an angle of approximately 45 degrees. The aircraft had then yawed left and cartwheeled for 65 metres before coming to rest. Damage to the propeller was consistent with the engine producing high power.