

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199000098**

**Cessna 172M**

**02 August 1990**

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

**Occurrence Number:** 199000098      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Inverway Station (Calowie Yard) NT  
**Date:** 02 August 1990      **Time:** 750  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

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

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna 172M  
**Registration:** VH-SZS  
**Serial Number:** 17267537  
**Operation Type:** Private  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Inverway Station NT  
**Departure Time:** 730  
**Destination:** Calowie Yard NT

**Approved for Release:** 28th September 1990

**Circumstances:**

The pilot reported that he had been to Calowie Yard on a number of previous occasions and this time he carried out a circuit and an approach into the sun. As the pilot rotated the aircraft for landing it collided with a fence. The landing was completed without further incident. The pilot had mistaken a graded fence line for the airstrip and the glare from the sun had prevented him from sighting the fence prior to the collision.