

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199003071**

Hughes 269C

24 May 1990

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199003071 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Richmond QLD
Date: 24 May 1990 **Time:** 1645
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Hughes 269C
Registration: VH-MQI
Serial Number: 580858
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Richmond QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Richmond QLD

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Circumstances:

The pilot reported that he had flown into the landing area earlier in the day and had noted the position of a power line. On the accident flight, he approached to land from a different direction and encountered another wire which he had not been aware of. He lost control of the helicopter when a main rotor blade contacted the wire.