

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198303421**

Cessna 172F

27 February 1983

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Occurrence Number: 198303421 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Witchelina Homestead, 71 km NNW of Leigh Creek South SA
Date: 27 February 1983 **Time:** 1810
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	3

Aircraft Details: Cessna 172F
Registration: VH-DOX
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Aerial inspection of wells
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Witchelina Homestead SA
Departure Time: 1730
Destination: Witchelina Homestead SA

Approved for Release: 20th August 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot flared the aircraft for landing but then decided he was undershooting and applied full power to go-around. The aircraft climbed to about 7 feet when the left wing dropped and struck the ground. The aircraft yawed sharply to the left and the nose struck the ground heavily. The pilot was late in detecting the undershoot but when full power was applied to correct this, he failed to adjust the pitch attitude and the aircraft stalled.