

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198304334**

Cessna 150M

5 February 1983

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Occurrence Number: 198304334 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 4 km East of Urawa Homestead WA
Date: 5 February 1983 **Time:** 700
Highest Injury Level: Fatal
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 150M
Registration: VH-WWM
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Aerial Sheep Spotting
Damage Level: Destroyed
Departure Point: Urawa WA
Departure Time: 0700
Destination: Urawa WA

Approved for Release: 6th March, 1984

Circumstances:

The aircraft was engaged in the aerial spotting of sheep and relaying the information by radio to ground mustering parties. When the muster was completed in that area, the aircraft was abserved to climb away, but the pilot's intentions were unknown. The aircraft was not seen again that day and when it had not returned by night a search was commenced. The wreckage was located the following morning near the site where the aircraft had last been observed. The aircraft had struck the ground in a nose low, right wing low attitude with no apparent forward speed. No fault was found with the aircraft that could have contributed to the accident. It is probable that while operating at a low altitude the aircraft had stalled and that the pilot had been unable to effect a recovery in the height available.