

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198401430**

**Piper PA 19**

**17 December 1984**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198401430  
**Location:** Lismore NSW  
**Date:** 17 December 1984  
**Highest Injury Level:** Minor  
**Injuries:**

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

**Aircraft Details:** Piper PA 19  
**Registration:** VH-ECN  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Pleasure  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Archerfield QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1513  
**Destination:** Lismore NSW

**Approved for Release:** 31st October 1985

**Circumstances:**

The pilot reported that he was making a landing approach in 10 knot crosswind conditions. After the first touchdown he experienced difficulty in maintaining directional control and elected to carry out a go-around. On the subsequent approach the aircraft touched down prematurely and bounced. While airborne the aircraft commenced to drift to the right, before touching down and bouncing again. A go-around was initiated but the aircraft drifted further to the right and struck a fence 64 metres from the runway centre-line. It was estimated that the wind was actually gusting up to about 20 knots across the runway and was therefore above the maximum crosswind limit for the aircraft type. The pilot had been unable to maintain directional control during the go around and the tailwheel had snagged on the fence.