

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198602676

Cessna 172M

16 December 1986

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Occurrence Number: 198602676 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: New Bore, 55km NE of Boulia QLD

Date: 16 December 1986 **Time:** 1430

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 172M

Registration: VH-WTL

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Private-Travel

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: New Bore QLD

Departure Time: 1400

Destination: Elrose Station, 24km NE of
Boulia QLD

Approved for Release: May 28th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot landed the aircraft on a nine metre wide gravel road to check on one of his staff, working nearby. Following the check, the pilot commenced a takeoff towards the west in 10-15 knot northerly wind. At an indicated airspeed of about 40 knots the aircraft drifted to left off the side of the road. The pilot continued with the takeoff attempt but the aircraft continued to turn to the left, downwind, and travelled about 600 metres before the nosewheel entered a ditch and the aircraft overturned. During the takeoff attempt into-wind aileron was not used to counteract the crosswind. The takeoff attempt was not discontinued when the aircraft diverged from the intended takeoff path.