

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report**  
**198703488**

**Hughes 269C**

**22 July 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198703488                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Rosella Plains (260 km WNW of Townsville) QLD  
**Date:** 22 July 1987                      **Time:** 850  
**Highest Injury Level:** Minor  
**Injuries:**

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

**Aircraft Details:** Hughes 269C  
**Registration:** VH-MZR  
**Serial Number:** 1100995  
**Operation Type:** Private (Stock Mustering)  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Rosella Plains QLD  
**Departure Time:** 0850  
**Destination:** Rosella Plains QLD

**Approved for Release:** September 8th 1987

**Circumstances:**

The pilot was making a landing approach, to an area not normally used for helicopter operations, at the conclusion of a stock mustering operation. The helicopter collided with a single wire telephone line then landed heavily, rolling onto its side as the skids collapsed. The pilot reported that the wire was normally difficult to see because of age discolouration and the long span between poles. On this occasion he had forgotten that the wire ran through the area and did not see it during the approach. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.