

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198703520**

Bell 206-B

24 November 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198703520
Location: 12 km NW of Ravenshoe QLD
Date: 24 November 1987
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: 1358

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

Aircraft Details: Bell 206-B
Registration: VH-FJB
Serial Number: 1458
Operation Type: Aerial Work (Mineral Exploration)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Ravenshoe QLD
Departure Time: 1230
Destination: Ravenshoe QLD

Approved for Release: 14 June 1988

Circumstances:

The helicopter was engaged in the transport of personnel for stream sampling operations. The pilot was to collect one of the samplers from a sloping area which had recently had trees cut down to facilitate the approach. To achieve the pick up, the helicopter was manoeuvred so that the left skid was resting on a slab of rock, and the right skid remained in the air, about 120 millimetres from a tree stump. As the passenger approached the aircraft, the pilot adjusted the position of the skid on the rock and the right skid contacted the stump. The helicopter then rapidly rolled onto its side. This accident was not the subject of an on scene investigation.