

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198802349**

**Cessna 172**

**23 February 1988**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198802349  
**Location:** Wallacia NSW  
**Date:** 23 February 1988  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 1105

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

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna 172  
**Registration:** VH-CXJ  
**Serial Number:** 36390  
**Operation Type:** Private  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Warnervale NSW  
**Departure Time:** 1027  
**Destination:** Wallacia NSW

**Approved for Release:** 7 April 1988

**Circumstances:**

The aircraft was making a landing approach with full flap extended. The pilot said the aircraft floated for some distance, after the landing flare, before touching down about midway along the 614 metre strip. Brakes were applied but the braking action was reduced due to a mechanical impairment known to the pilot. When he realised the aircraft would overrun the strip end, the pilot said he purposely turned the aircraft to the right to prevent it from infringing a main road located a short distance ahead. The aircraft passed through a low wire fence and rolled down a steep slope before finally stopping, partially submerged, in a small dam.