

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198902561

Cessna 152

23 June 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198902561
Location: Armidale NSW
Date: 23 June 1989
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1015

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 152
Registration: VH-LBJ
Serial Number: 15283380
Operation Type: Aerial Work
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Armidale NSW
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Armidale NSW

Approved for Release: 8th December 1989

Circumstances:

After the student pilot had completed 1.2 hours of dual instruction in the circuit, his instructor assessed the pilot was ready for his first solo flight. The aircraft was brought to a halt on the grass runway 09 where the instructor alighted. The subsequent takeoff roll appeared to be proceeding normally when the aircraft suddenly veered to the left, departed the runway and collided with a boundary fence. The student pilot advised that the right cabin door had opened and he lost directional control when he lent over and attempted to close the door. The instructor reported that the right hand door lock was operating normally at the time of the accident. The accident was not the subject of an on scene investigation. This report is based on information supplied by the pilot.