

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198503544**

Cessna 177

12 November 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198503544
Location: 9km North of Morven QLD
Date: 12 November 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: U/K

	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 177
Registration: VH-DZD
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private-Travel
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Mitchell QLD
Departure Time: U/K
Destination: Charleville QLD

Approved for Release: August 28th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that while the aircraft was established in cruise, the engine RPM suddenly increased and the windscreen covered with oil. The engine oil pressure gauge was indicating zero. During the subsequent landing, the aircraft ran off the sealed roadway. An inspection of the aircraft revealed that the constant speed unit oil transfer line had failed due to fatigue. This resulted in the engine oil being pumped overboard.