

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198802370

Cessna 180

11 June 1988

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

Occurrence Number:	198802370	Occurrence Type:	Accident
Location:	Lightning Ridge NSW		
Date:	11 June 1988	Time:	1205
Highest Injury Level:	Nil		
Injuries:			

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	3
Total	0	0	0	4

Aircraft Details: Cessna 180
Registration: VH-UPG
Serial Number: 32811
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Lightning Ridge NSW
Departure Time: 1145
Destination: Lightning Ridge NSW

Approved for Release: August 9th 1988

Circumstances:

The aircraft was returning to land at the completion of a local flight. The pilot, who had only recently purchased the aircraft, had not flown it before with four persons on board. He was compensating for a crosswind, and misjudged the flare, probably because of the higher sink rate of the heavier aircraft. The aircraft touched down and bounced several times, before ground looping and coming to rest at the edge of the flight strip.