

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198700748**

Cessna 152

28 September 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198700748 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Maryvale Station (117km S Alice Springs) NT

Date: 28 September 1987 **Time:** 1530

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	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-ALH

Serial Number: 152-83701

Operation Type: Private (Business)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: N/A

Departure Time: N/A

Destination: Maryvale Station Airstrip
NT

Approved for Release: March 10th 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot was attempting to take-off from a dirt road to fly to the Station's strip. Just as the aircraft became airborne a slight left turn had to be negotiated. During the turn, the left wingtip struck a clump of bushes and the aircraft slewed to the left. The left wheel struck an embankment and the aircraft proceeded through a small bush and also clipped the top off another small tree with the right wing. Full power was still applied to the engine and the aircraft was still airborne when the left tailplane caught on a large bush. The aircraft landed and the pilot then closed the throttle and abandoned the take-off attempt. It then ran through another large bush before finally coming to rest. The aircraft had been landed on the road, apparently because it was convenient, despite the fact that the station airstrip was only 400 metres away. The road was only 10 metres wide and had large bushes lining either side.