

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198600140**

**Cessna 150**

**15 June 1986**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198600140                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Wondagee Station(150km NE of Carnarvon) WA  
**Date:** 15 June 1986                      **Time:** 630  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

	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 150  
**Registration:** VH-EIS  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Private (Sheep mustering)  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Wondagee Station WA  
**Departure Time:** 0630  
**Destination:** Wondagee Station WA

**Approved for Release:** May 13th 1987

**Circumstances:**

The aircraft was being flown at about 200 feet above ground level in a left turn while the pilot was attempting to locate some sheep. The pilot reported that the aircraft stalled and that during the recovery it struck a bush. This resulted in damage to the right mainplane, right wing strut, right horizontal stabiliser and the brake lines on both mainwheels. The pilot was able to maintain control of the aircraft and land at a nearby airstrip. The pilots attention was diverted from the operation of the aircraft whilst he searched for the sheep and directed the ground party. He had been working long hours and was only obtaining about 4 hours sleep each night and considered that fatigue was a factor in his allowing the airspeed to decay unnoticed.