**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198900252**

IMCO A9-A

22 October 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198900252   **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Holt Rock WA
Date: 22 October 1989   **Time:** 1420
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: IMCO A9-A
Registration: VH-MPD
Serial Number: 1070
Operation Type: Aerial Work
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Holt Rock WA
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Holt Rock WA

Approved for Release: 25th January 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot was taxiing for take-off from an agricultural strip when one main landing gear leg struck a tree stump, which was hidden by long grass, and collapsed. The pilot was not aware of the obstruction prior to the accident.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The pilot failed to ensure that the manoeuvring area was free of obstructions.

2. The pilot did not see the obstruction and therefore was unable to take avoiding action.