

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199003102**

Beech A23

12 September 1990

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199003102 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 120km North of Birdsville QLD
Date: 12 September 1990 **Time:** 1855
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: Beech A23
Registration: VH-TPW
Serial Number: M-658
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Alice Springs NT
Departure Time: 1422
Destination: Birdsville QLD

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Circumstances:

During the flight over the Simpson Desert, the pilot realised that the ground features were difficult to relate to his map. Large areas were covered in flood waters which distorted the usual ground features. While still outside the 40 nautical mile rated coverage of the Birdsville Non Directional Beacon