

**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

Approved for Release: 10th December 1990

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