

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198903822**

**Robinson**

**21 November 1989**

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

**Occurrence Number:** 198903822      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Pollygammon Station (40km NE of Boulia) QLD  
**Date:** 21 November 1989      **Time:** 1050  
**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:** Robinson  
**Registration:** VH-JZH  
**Serial Number:** 1132  
**Operation Type:** Private  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Pollygammon Station QLD  
**Departure Time:** 0730  
**Destination:** Pollygammon Station QLD

**Approved for Release:** 12 March 1990

**Circumstances:**

The pilot had been engaged in sheep spotting for a period of approximately three hours, and was returning to the refuelling pad. Enroute he observed a motorcycle stockman, and landed the aircraft in a cleared area nearby, to advise him of the location of a mob of sheep he had spotted earlier. The pilot advised that after he had landed he left the engine running at between 70 and 80 percent rotor/engine speed