

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198403573

Beech 58

5 October 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198403573 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Mt Bonnie (139 km SE of Darwin) NT
Date: 5 October 1984 **Time:** 1456
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	3

Aircraft Details: Beech 58
Registration: VH-WGS
Serial Number: N/K
Operation Type: Charter
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Darwin NT
Departure Time: 1430
Destination: Mt Bonnie NT

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Circumstances:

The aircraft touched down about 300 metres after the threshold of the 1200 metre long strip, which sloped uphill. When the pilot realised that the aircraft would not stop before the end of the strip, heavy braking was applied. The aircraft overran the strip and the nose gear strut collapsed in the rough terrain. The pilot subsequently advised that had he initiated braking earlier the aircraft would have stopped in the remaining length. He had believed that there was more strip length available than was actually the case and it was considered probable that he had been deceived by the slope of the strip.