

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198302274

Beech 58

12 March 1983

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Occurrence Number: 198302274

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 50 km West of Devonport TAS

Date: 12 March 1983

Time: 510

Highest Injury Level: Fatal

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Beech 58

Registration: VH-CTU

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Medical Evacuation

Damage Level: Destroyed

Departure Point: Devonport TAS

Departure Time: 0510

Destination: Wynyard TAS

Approved for Release: 8th March, 1984

Circumstances:

The pilot was called out at about 0400 hours local time for an urgent medical flight from Wynyard to Melbourne. This required positioning the aircraft from its base at Devonport to Wynyard. The take-off from Devonport was made in darkness with an overcast sky and light drizzle. The aircraft then apparently continued on the take-off heading at high power and low level until it struck the ground at high speed in a forest area 25 km south of Wynyard and 56 km from Devonport. The cause of the accident could not be determined but the possibility of pilot incapacitation could not be discounted.