

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198903854**

**Buzzard**

**12 November 1989**

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

**Occurrence Number:** 198903854                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Southport Spit QLD  
**Date:** 12 November 1989                      **Time:** 1650  
**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:** Buzzard  
**Registration:** N/A  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Private  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Southport Spit QLD  
**Departure Time:** N/A  
**Destination:** Southport Spit QLD

**Approved for Release:** 22nd February 1990

**Circumstances:**

The pilot reported that he had carried out several takeoffs and landings on the same stretch of beach immediately before the accident. During the landing roll the aircraft encountered a soft patch of sand and nosed over, bending the main spar and some ribs.