

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199003109**

Robinson R22-Beta

15 November 1990

Readers are advised that the Australian Transport Safety Bureau investigates for the sole purpose of enhancing transport safety. Consequently, Bureau reports are confined to matters of safety significance and may be misleading if used for any other purposes.

Investigations commenced on or before 30 June 2003, including the publication of reports as a result of those investigations, are authorised by the CEO of the Bureau in accordance with Part 2A of the Air Navigation Act 1920.

Investigations commenced after 1 July 2003, including the publication of reports as a result of those investigations, are authorised by the CEO of the Bureau in accordance with the Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003 (TSI Act). Reports released under the TSI Act are not admissible as evidence in any civil or criminal proceedings.

NOTE: All air safety occurrences reported to the ATSB are categorised and recorded. For a detailed explanation on Category definitions please refer to the ATSB website at www.atsb.gov.au.

This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199003109 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Dalgonally Station (75 km NW Julia Creek) QLD
Date: 15 November 1990 **Time:** 1500
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Robinson R22-Beta
Registration: VH-JXU
Serial Number: 1435
Operation Type: Aerial Work
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Dalgonally Station QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Dalgonally Station QLD

Approved for Release: 13th December 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot stated that whilst aerial mustering he attempted to push a beast out from under a bush. The beast ran out from under the bush but headed away from the main mob. The pilot was attempting to turn the beast back towards the mob, when his passenger warned him of a power line which was in close proximity to the aircraft. The pilot stated that he flared the aircraft abruptly to try and avoid the power line, but the aircraft then began to sink and the main rotor struck the power line. The aircraft then struck the ground heavily after falling about 30 feet.