

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198902577**

Pilatus B4 Glider

16 September 1989

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The accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 198902577

Location: Camden NSW

Date: 16 September 1989

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1205

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

Aircraft Details: Pilatus B4 Glider

Registration: VH-WQN

Serial Number: N/K

Operation Type: Private (Gliding)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Camden NSW

Departure Time: 1125

Destination: Camden NSW

Approved for Release: 3rd October 1989

Circumstances:

Following a local flight the pilot positioned the glider to join the circuit for a landing on the grass strip 24. The wind velocity was reported as 240 to 280 degrees at 10-15 knots with occasional gusts to 18 knots. After lining up on final approach, the pilot inadvertently raised the landing gear instead of extending the air brakes. As the approach continued it became apparent the glider would overshoot the runway. The glider was banked to the right to remain within the confines of the aerodrome. The right wing tip struck the ground and the glider ground looped.