

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198502568**

Ayres S2R T15-510

30 November 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198502568
Location: 4 km North Moree NSW
Date: 30 November 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: 1825

	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: Ayres S2R T15-510
Registration: VH-WBE
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Aerial Work (Spraying)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Moree NSW
Departure Time: 1825
Destination: Moree NSW

Approved for Release: 8th January, 1986

Circumstances:

The pilot intended to spray a cotton crop. A power line crossed the area at an oblique angle, and at the point where the aircraft passed under the wire there was a head ditch one metre high, dividing two paddocks. On the first spraying run the pilot misjudged the clearance under the wire and the mainwheels struck the top of the ditch. The aircraft remained controllable and an uneventful landing was subsequently carried out at the destination aerodrome. Damage was confined to the gear truss points and shock absorbers.