

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702422**

Fletcher FU24-950

17 September 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702422 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Braidwood Station (20 km South of Braidwood) NSW
Date: 17 September 1987 **Time:** 1300
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	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: Fletcher FU24-950
Registration: VH-MYW
Serial Number: 267
Operation Type: Aerial Work (Agricultural Spreading)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Braidwood Station NSW
Departure Time: 1258
Destination: Braidwood Station NSW

Approved for Release: December 18th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot was operating from an agricultural landing area. During the takeoff run the left mainwheel struck a vehicle tyre, that was being used as a strip marker. The tyre was flung into the air and struck the left stabilator causing it to jam in about the neutral position. As there was insufficient strip remaining to land the aircraft and bring it safely to a halt, the pilot decided to continue with the takeoff. The pilot subsequently landed the aircraft in a paddock three kilometres from the point of DEPARTURE. During the landing roll the aircraft struck a fence. The pilot had commenced the takeoff from the left side of the strip because the centre area was rough. The tyre struck by the aircraft was difficult to see as the white paint on it had worn off, and it was partly obscured by clumps of long grass.