

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198602654**

De Havilland DH82

24 June 1986

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Occurrence Number: 198602654

Location: Shute Harbour QLD

Date: 24 June 1986

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: N/A

	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: De Havilland DH82

Registration: VH-RTA

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Charter (Passenger)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Shute Harbour QLD

Departure Time: N/A

Destination: Shute Harbour QLD

Approved for Release: November 12th 1986

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that as he applied full power for takeoff, on strip 32, the aircraft began to swing to the left. He was unable to correct the situation and the aircraft ran off the strip and collided with trees. The wind velocity at the time was reported by the pilot to have been a light south-westerly. The topography surrounding the strip is known to give rise to sudden and unpredictable wind gusts and it is possible that the aircraft encountered such a gust as the takeoff run was commenced.