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Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198900839

I.C.A.B. I.S.29D

23 December 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198900839 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Bond Springs NT

Date: 23 December 1989 **Time:** 1400

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: I.C.A.B. I.S.29D

Registration: VH-GWC

Serial Number: N/K
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Bond Springs NT

Departure Time: 1355

Destination: Bond Springs NT

Approved for Release: 24 January 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot took off with the intention of doing a local flight. However, he could not locate any lift so he returned for a circuit. While on very short finals the aircraft encountered undershoot windshear. The right wing struck a small bush some 5 to 10 metres short of the threshold. The wing was further damaged in the subsequent contact with the ground. The particular bush has since been removed.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

- 1. The aircraft encountered undershoot windshear on very short final approach. This caused the aircraft to undershoot the landing strip.
- 2. The aircraft collided with an obstruction close to the strip threshold.