

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199100514**

Kawasaki BELL 47

17 February 1991

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Occurrence Number: 199100514 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Red Bank Mine NT (30 km WNW Wollongorang)

Date: 17 February 1991 **Time:** 1005

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: Kawasaki BELL 47

Registration: VH-JKX

Serial Number: 2164

Operation Type: Aerial Work

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Red Bank Mine NT

Departure Time: 1005

Destination: Kiana NT

Approved for Release: 4th March 1991

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that some tape from the main rotor blades lifted and that the main rotor RPM decayed. A heavy landing ensued in the attempted recovery.