

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198903831**

Winton Sportsman

5 February 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198903831
Location: Hope Island QLD
Date: 5 February 1989
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 0730 Approx

	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: Winton Sportsman
Registration: AUF 10-0452
Serial Number: N/K
Operation Type: Sport Aviation
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Hope Island QLD
Departure Time: 0728
Destination: Jacobs Well QLD

Approved for Release: March 16th 1989

Circumstances:

The pilot was conducting a scenic flight in the Hope Island area when the engine lost power. He was able to find a suitable area and carry out a successful forced landing. On inspection of the aircraft the pilot found that the spark plug lead had become detached. He reconnected the lead and after checking that it was secure commenced a takeoff. On climbing through 100 feet the engine again lost power. The pilot was forced to attempt a ditching, but during the approach the aircraft struck trees and spun into the water. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.