

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199002022**

**Cessna A188B-A1**

**05 November 1990**

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

**Occurrence Number:** 199002022      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** "The Rookery" 36 kms SW of Cobar NSW  
**Date:** 05 November 1990      **Time:** 945  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna A188B-A1  
**Registration:** VH-TZS  
**Serial Number:** 18803156T  
**Operation Type:** Aerial Work  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** "The Rookery" NSW  
**Departure Time:** N/A  
**Destination:** "The Rookery" NSW

**Approved for Release:** 10th April 1991

**Circumstances:**

The aircraft was conducting spraying operations. The pilot reported that the aircraft failed to remain airborne after encountering a severe "willy willy" at the liftoff stage of the takeoff. He initially dumped part of the load, then dumped the remainder as the aircraft was making contact with the ground. An area of long grass and thistles then prevented the aircraft from becoming airborne. As a result, one main landing gear was torn off and the other damaged.