

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198401367**

Cessna A188B-A1

2 March 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198401367

Location: Merriendi, 20 km N of Boggabri NSW

Date: 2 March 1984

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	0
Total	0	0	0	1

Aircraft Details: Cessna A188B-A1

Registration: VH-SHK

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Aerial Spraying

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Merriendi NSW

Departure Time: N/A

Destination: Merriendi NSW

Approved for Release: 3rd January, 1985

Circumstances:

Just after lift-off for spraying operations the aircraft sank back to the ground and drifted to the left. The pilot dumped the load but the aircraft became entangled in a fence running along the left side of the strip. The pilot stated that at a height of about 20 feet the aircraft appeared to encounter a wind gust from the right rear quarter. The aircraft was heavily laden and the pilot had been unable to regain full control before the collision with the fence.