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**Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198902562** 

Conaero LA4-200

**26 June 1989** 

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 198902562 Occurrence Type: Accident

**Location:** Green Point 5 km SE of Gosford NSW

**Date:** 26 June 1989 **Time:** 1330

**Highest Injury Level:** Nil

**Injuries:** 

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: Conaero LA4-200

Registration: VH-XPS
Serial Number: 1045
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Bankstown NSW

**Departure Time:** N/A

**Destination:** Gosford Area NSW

**Approved for Release:** 5th April 1991

## **Circumstances:**

The aircraft was being demonstrated for a potential sale. The pilot reported that he was demonstrating a high speed taxi towards a boat ramp when the aircraft struck a submerged object and cartwheeled sideways. However, the passenger reported that the pilot was demonstrating a touch-and-go. As the pilot applied power for the takeoff, the aircraft commenced porpoising. On the third porpoise, the nose pulled into the water and the aircraft waterlooped to the right, tearing off the left float. The passenger had held a foreign commercial pilot licence but was not type endorsed or experienced in water landings.