

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198803437**

Cessna A188B-A1

7 March 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198803437 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Bowenville (24 km WNW Oakey) QLD
Date: 7 March 1988 **Time:** 1759
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: Cessna A188B-A1
Registration: VH-FJT
Serial Number: 188-03319T
Operation Type: Aerial Work
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Kupunn QLD
Departure Time: 1723
Destination: Kupunn QLD

Approved for Release: March 31st 1988

Circumstances:

The task of spraying a cotton crop was nearing completion. The time for a scheduled radio call was approaching, and on checking his watch the pilot found a need to alter its setting. He also checked the amount of spray liquid remaining in the hopper. As a result of these distractions, he momentarily relaxed his vigilance in regard to a powerline obstruction located at the end of the spray run. As he approached the powerline he took action to gain altitude, but the main landing gear struck the wires causing the aircraft to land heavily in an adjacent paddock.