

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198703529**

Ayres S2R-R1820

22 December 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198703529

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 8 km N Mungindi QLD

Date: 22 December 1987

Time: 1020

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: Ayres S2R-R1820

Registration: VH-HGT

Serial Number: R1820-026DC

Operation Type: Aerial Work (Agricultural
Spraying)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: ALA 8 km W Mungindi
QLD

Departure Time: 0950

Destination: DEPARTURE ALA
Mungindi QLD

Approved for Release: May 13th 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot was aware of powerlines associated with the treatment area. He had completed spraying one area, and while waiting for the markers to move to the next area he completed two short runs in the vicinity of the powerlines. He became agitated at the length of time it took the markers to get into position, and when he commenced the first long run he had forgotten about a powerline which crossed his flight path. The upper section of the fin struck the wire, resulting in control difficulties for the pilot. He decided to land ahead rather than attempt to return to the authorised landing area. The aircraft passed through two fences before coming to rest nose down in a gully. There is evidence that the pilot was fatigued. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.