

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198903807**

Piper PA23-250

6 September 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198903807 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Wolverton Stn (60 km NNW of Coen) QLD

Date: 6 September 1989 **Time:** 1100

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	3

Aircraft Details: Piper PA23-250

Registration: VH-MJG

Serial Number: 27-4626

Operation Type: Charter

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Coen QLD

Departure Time: 1045

Destination: Wolverton Stn QLD

Approved for Release: 24th January 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that on arrival in the circuit area he noticed that the wind was from the north-east at 20 to 25 knots. As the wind was mostly crosswind he elected to land uphill on strip 28, which is 920 metres long. Shortly after landing the pilot became aware that the aircraft was not slowing down normally. Heavy braking was used to little effect. The engines were shut down and the aircraft ran off the end of the runway. Some fallen logs caused the nose gear leg to collapse. The Cairns meteorological office estimated that the wind would have been 10 to 12 knots from the east to the south-east.

Significant Factors:

The following factor was considered relevant to the development of the accident The pilot landed with an excessive tailwind component.