

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199003067**

Piper PA32-300

11 May 1990

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Occurrence Number: 199003067
Location: Cow Bay (83km N Cairns) QLD
Date: 11 May 1990
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: 1043

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	5
Total	0	0	0	6

Aircraft Details: Piper PA32-300
Registration: VH-NWS
Serial Number: 32-7450085
Operation Type: Charter
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Cairns QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Cow Bay QLD

Approved for Release: 21st May 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that there had been recent heavy rain on the strip. Well into the landing roll, the aircraft encountered an area of water and skidded to the left. The left wheel then entered soft ground and swung the aircraft further left, resulting in the left main landing gear striking a steel framed cone marker. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.