

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198501409**

Cessna 188B-A1

13 December 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198501409
Location: 18 km NE Koo Wee Rup VIC
Date: 13 December 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: 1140

	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 188B-A1
Registration: VH-UDV
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Aerial Work (Spraying)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Nar Nar Goon VIC
Departure Time: 1140
Destination: Nar Nar Goon VIC

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Circumstances:

The pilot was spraying a potato crop in a paddock which had a power line running along one boundary. Spray runs were conducted at right angles to the wires, and the pilot was flying under the wires on each run. At the end of one run the pilot pulled up, conducted a procedure turn, and was then slightly distracted by noise on his CB radio. While adjusting the squelch on the set, he forgot the presence of the power line and the aircraft struck the wires about 32 feet agl. The aircraft remained under control and the pilot was subsequently able to make a normal landing at his destination strip.