

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199800069**

**Lake A/C Div. of Consolidated
Aeronautics Inc.
Buccaneer**

09 January 1998

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Occurrence Number: 199800069 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: King Fisher Bay
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Friday 09 January 1998
Time: 1530 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Lake A/C Div. of Consolidated Aeronautics Inc.
Aircraft Model: LA-4-200
Aircraft Registration: VH-FTB **Serial Number:** 969
Type of Operation: Charter Passenger
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: King Fisher Bay Qld
Departure Time: 1530 EST
Destination: King Fisher Bay Qld

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	38.6	3750

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Sequence of events

During the take-off run, the aircraft struck an unseen, submerged object. The impact launched the aircraft out of the water prematurely. The pilot placed the aircraft back on the surface of the water and continued the take-off run. The pilot then noticed that water was entering the cabin behind the front seats and that the aircraft began to vibrate. He rejected the takeoff and stopped the engine before evacuating his passengers and himself. The aircraft sank approximately 15 minutes later.

