

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199800121**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Lance**

13 January 1998

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Occurrence Number: 199800121 Location: 44km NW Ivanhoe, Aerodrome State: NSW Date: Tuesday 13 January 1998 Time: 0844 hours Highest Injury Level: None	Occurrence Type: Accident Inv Category: 4 Time Zone: ESuT
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Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp Aircraft Model: PA-32R-300 Aircraft Registration: VH-WMQ Type of Operation: Non-commercial Business Damage to Aircraft: Substantial Departure Point: Rose Hill Station NSW Departure Time: 0844 ESuT Destination: Winterigo Station NSW	Serial Number: 32R-7680135
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Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	514.7	723

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The pilot of a Piper Lance was attempting to takeoff from a property airstrip. The surface condition was described as being firm to soft. During the latter stages of the takeoff roll, the aircraft was reported to have passed through two soft patches of dirt, with a subsequent loss of momentum. This resulted in the aircraft becoming airborne about 27 m before a fence.

The aircraft collided with the top wires of the fence, before flying into the tops of some small scrubby trees. The aircraft was landed in a substantially wings level attitude, however, the right main landing gear was torn off when it struck a log.

