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Boeing Co B767

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Occurrence Number: 199802468 Occurrence Type: Incident

Location: Hamilton Island, Aerodrome

State: QLD Inv Category: 4

Date: Thursday 25 June 1998

Time: 1250 hours **Time Zone** EST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Boeing Co

Manufacturer:

Aircraft Model: 767-277 **Aircraft Registration:** VH-RMG

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Number:

Type of Operation: Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger

Scheduled

Damage to Aircraft: Nil

Departure Point: Sydney NSW **Departure Time:** 1250 EST

Destination: Hamilton Island Qld

Approved for Release: Wednesday, July 15, 1998

The slat assymetry warning message illuminated as the crew were configuring the aircraft to land. The approach was discontinued and the aircraft was then cleared to 1500 ft to carry out the appropriate safety checks. A decision was taken to divert to Brisbane, where engineering assistance was available. The flight landed at Brisbane without further incident. The aircraft was able to depart for the intended destination a short time later after ground checks determined the original slat assymetry warning to be spurious.