

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199805875**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
310R**

**08 December 1998**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199805875                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Maitland, (ALA)  
**State:** NSW    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Tuesday 08 December 1998  
**Time:** 0820 hours                                      **Time Zone**                      ESuT  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 310R  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-TDS                      **Serial Number:** 310R0058  
**Type of Operation:** Charter                      Cargo  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Williamtown NSW  
**Departure Time:** 0810 ESuT  
**Destination:** Maitland NSW

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	421.3	715

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After landing, the pilot was manoeuvring his aircraft in the parking area when the right wingtip fuel tank collided with a parked aircraft. The fuel tank was ruptured in the collision and a small fire erupted which was quickly extinguished with portable fire extinguishers.

The pilot subsequently reported that, though the area was restricted, there was sufficient room to manoeuvre but he had misjudged the distance between the two aircraft.

