

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199701795**

**Robinson Helicopter Co
R22**

04 June 1997

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199701795 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Kalmeta, (ALA)
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Wednesday 04 June 1997
Time: 1300 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: Serious
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	Total
Crew	0	1	0	0	1
Ground	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0	0	1

Aircraft Manufacturer: Robinson Helicopter Co
Aircraft Model: R22
Aircraft Registration: VH-HXT **Serial Number:**
Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Mustering
Damage to Aircraft: Destroyed
Departure Point: Kalmeta Station QLD
Departure Time: 0700 EST
Destination: Kalmeta Station QLD

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	850.0	1000

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The pilot stated that he was mustering bulls approximately 5 km west-north-west of Kalmeta homestead. He said he was approximately 40-50 ft high when he hit a wire. He did not see the wire prior to impact. The pilot said that when he realised he had hit a wire he took all necessary action, but lost control of the helicopter, and it fell backwards to the ground. The pilot said that due to the impact and injuries he sustained he did not remember anything further.