

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199702820**

**Britten Norman Ltd
Islander**

21 August 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199702820 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Gan Gan, (ALA)
State: NT **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Thursday 21 August 1997
Time: 1500 hours **Time Zone** CST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Britten Norman Ltd
Aircraft Model: BN-2A-26
Aircraft Registration: VH-LHA **Serial Number:** 856
Type of Operation: Charter Passenger
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Gove NT
Departure Time: 1430 CST
Destination: Gan Gan NT

Crew Details:

| Role | Class of Licence | Hours on Type | Hours Total |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Pilot-In-Command | Commercial | 59.3 | 1380 |

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During the approach to land, just prior to crossing the runway end, the right main gear struck an earth mound. The gear leg was damaged by the impact. The mound, about three metres short of the 800 metre runway, was about 25 cm high and not easily seen from the approach path. The wind was light and there were no gusts or turbulence.

