

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199702840**

**Beech Aircraft Corp
1900D**

01 September 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199702840 **Occurrence Type:** Incident
Location: Brisbane, Aerodrome
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 01 September 1997
Time: 1205 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Beech Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: 1900D
Aircraft Registration: VH-MML **Serial Number:** UE-10
Type of Operation: Air Transport Domestic Low Capacity Passenger Scheduled
Damage to Aircraft: Nil
Departure Point: Brisbane QLD
Departure Time: 1208 EST
Destination: Williamtown NSW

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Circumstances

The aircraft ahead of VH-MML had departed from runway 01 and was being vectored in a right turn over the aerodrome to intercept a departure track of 257 degrees. MML had been issued a departure instruction to maintain 015 degrees (the runway heading) and took off two minutes behind the other aircraft. MML called approach airborne, turning right onto heading 150 degrees. This could have led to a conflict with other aircraft so instructions were issued to maintain vertical separation.

The operator advised that the company procedure was for the non-flying pilot to set the departure heading with the heading selector knob, and for both crew members to check the selection, before the departure instruction was acknowledged.

