

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199703129**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Centurion**

29 September 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199703129 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Ayers Rock, Aerodrome
State: NT **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 29 September 1997
Time: 0823 hours **Time Zone:** CST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 210L
Aircraft Registration: VH-WTX **Serial Number:** 21060222
Type of Operation: Charter Passenger
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Ayres Rock NT
Departure Time:
Destination: Ayres Rock NT

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	100.0	500

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The pilot of VH-WTX was returning from a scenic tour, along with a number of other aircraft. Approaching the aerodrome, the radio of an aircraft on the ground became jammed on continuous transmission. The pilot of WTX was then unable to establish the position of the other traffic by radio and conducted an orbit to visually contact the traffic. During this time, he selected the landing gear down. A short time later, the aircraft landed with the landing gear in the retracted position.

Post flight inspection revealed that the landing gear circuit breaker had tripped.

The pilot indicated that he could not positively recall checking that the landing gear was down and locked. He also said that the landing gear warning horn did not operate when the throttle was closed for landing.

