

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199703382**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
150L**

11 October 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199703382 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Marion Downs
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 11 October 1997
Time: 1000 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: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 150L
Aircraft Registration: VH-IEK **Serial Number:** 15075638
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Aerial Mustering
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Marion Downs Qld
Departure Time: 0625 EST
Destination: Marion Downs Qld

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	5031.4	5088

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The pilot reported that while he was conducting a turn above some cattle, the aircraft appeared to lose speed and altitude. The aircraft was about 75-100 ft AGL at the time. The pilot pushed the control column forward and applied full power. However, this had little effect and it became obvious that the aircraft was going to strike the ground. The pilot said that just before impact, he pulled back on the control column. The pilot could not recall looking at the airspeed indicator during the final stages of the flight, and did not recall hearing the stall warning sound. However, he considered it likely that the aircraft stalled during the turn and that there was insufficient height above the ground for him to effect recovery to normal flight.

