

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199703797**

**Beech Aircraft Corp
Baron**

19 November 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199703797 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Thevenard Island, (ALA)
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Wednesday 19 November 1997
Time: 1000 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Beech Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: E55
Aircraft Registration: VH-TTL **Serial Number:** TE-1138
Type of Operation: Charter Passenger
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Onslow WA
Departure Time: 0953 WST
Destination: Thevenard island WA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	110.0	1000

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The pilot reported that she inadvertently selected the landing gear up, instead of the flap, during the landing roll. Aircraft speed was about 70 kt when the mainwheels began to retract. The landing gear warning horn sounded as the gear retracted. The right wing settled onto the ground and the aircraft slewed to a stop. Both propellers suffered ground strikes. The pilot indicated that she was not distracted by anything in particular during the selection process.

