

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199703987**

**Airparts (NZ) Ltd  
FU-24A-950**

**27 November 1997**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199703987                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** 19km W Guyra  
**State:** NSW                      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Thursday 27 November 1997  
**Time:** 1500 hours                      **Time Zone**                      ESuT  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Airparts (NZ) Ltd  
**Aircraft Model:** FU-24A-950  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-CYN                      **Serial Number:** 161  
**Type of Operation:** Commercial      Aerial Agriculture - Other  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Alf's Strip NSW  
**Departure Time:** 1500 ESuT  
**Destination:** Alf's Strip NSW

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	1977.0	2531

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A Fletcher aircraft was being operated from an agricultural strip located on undulating terrain. During takeoff, the pilot was unable to prevent the aircraft colliding with two sheep as it came over the blind crest of a hill. The pilot reported feeling the elevator move during the impact and the aircraft briefly became airborne, in a nose-up trimmed condition due to elevator damage.

The pilot closed the throttle and attempted to land in a paddock straight ahead. However, during the landing, the nose wheel separated from the aircraft, resulting in substantial damage being incurred during the ensuing ground roll.

