

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199600124**

**Kawasaki Heavy Industries
Kawasaki KH4**

14 January 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199600124 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 19km SE Turkey Creek
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 14 January 1996
Time: 0800 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Kawasaki Heavy Industries
Aircraft Model: 47G3B-KH4
Aircraft Registration: VH-SUC **Serial Number:** 2114
Type of Operation: Charter Passenger
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Turkey Creek WA
Departure Time: 0730 WST
Destination: 19 km SE Turkey Creek WA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
<u>Role</u>	<u>Class of Licence</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Hours Total</u>
Pilot-In-Command	ATPL	100.0	200

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The pilot was transporting the passengers to a waterhole to carry out a ground inspection. Although there was a large clear landing area only 100 m from the waterhole the pilot attempted a landing in a more confined area next to the waterhole. As the helicopter came to the hover the pilot recognised the area was unsuitable for a landing and he commenced a go-around. During the go-around the main rotor blades made contact with a rock wall. The pilot completed a precautionary landing and the subsequent inspection indicated that the blades were substantially damaged.