

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199600571**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
P206**

24 February 1996

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199600571 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Corowa, Aerodrome
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 24 February 1996
Time: 0955 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: P206
Aircraft Registration: VH-PLE **Serial Number:** P2060146
Type of Operation: Miscellaneous Parachute Jump
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Corowa NSW
Departure Time: 0950 ESuT
Destination: Corowa NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	47.0	576

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The pilot reported that he had refuelled the aircraft to 80 litres per tank prior to departure. Preflight and engine checks were normal. Soon after takeoff, as the flaps were retracted at about 120 ft, the fuel pressure dropped to zero and the engine stopped abruptly. The pilot immediately landed on the remaining runway but was unable to stop the aircraft overrunning the runway into rough terrain, collapsing the nose landing gear. He reported that during the shut down checks the fuel selector was turned from the left tank to the off position.

No defects were found when the engine was stripped after the accident. It was reported that the engine ran normally during a test run after reassembly, using all of the original accessories.

The reason for the sudden engine stoppage was not determined.