

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199600745**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
402C**

06 March 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199600745 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Mereenie, (ALA)
State: NT **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Wednesday 06 March 1996
Time: 1150 hours **Time Zone** CST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 402C
Aircraft Registration: VH-UEZ **Serial Number:** 402C0615
Type of Operation: Charter Passenger
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Alice Springs NT
Departure Time:
Destination: Mereenie NT

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	80.0	1350

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The aircraft was landing on a loose gravel surface runway with a crosswind from the left at 10 - 15 kt. During the landing roll the aircraft veered to the right and the pilot took corrective action in an attempt to return it to the centreline. The aircraft started to recover, but due to skidding on the loose gravel surface it was too late to prevent the right main gear leg from striking a runway flare unit made from steel bore casing welded to a steel base plate, standing 300 mm high, causing the gear to collapse.