

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199601002**

**Kawasaki Heavy Industries
Kawasaki KH4**

30 March 1996

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Occurrence Number:	199601002	Occurrence Type:	Accident
Location:	57km NE Augathelia, (ALA)		
State:	QLD	Inv Category:	4
Date:	Saturday 30 March 1996		
Time:	1338 hours	Time Zone	EST
Highest Injury Level:	None		

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Kawasaki Heavy Industries		
Aircraft Model:	47G3B-KH4		
Aircraft Registration:	VH-AHQ	Serial Number:	2171
Type of Operation:	Miscellaneous Ferry		
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial		
Departure Point:	Roma QLD		
Departure Time:	1135 EST		
Destination:	Blackall QLD		

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On final approach to land the helicopter in a clearing to refuel, the engine misfired and stopped. During the subsequent autorotation, the pilot managed to restart the engine. The engine faltered again on late final approach. The pilot attempted to stretch the glide to the clearing and managed to land the helicopter clear of the trees. The run-on landing was heavy. The pilot who was the only occupant, was able to exit the helicopter safely.

The skid gear and lower fuselage of the helicopter were damaged. The tail rotor drive was struck by the main rotor during the run-on landing.

The pilot confirmed that the helicopter had run out of fuel.