

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199601286**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Centurion**

20 April 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199601286 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Morawa, (ALA)
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 20 April 1996
Time: 1300 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 210L
Aircraft Registration: VH-BBN **Serial Number:** 21060311
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Karratha WA
Departure Time: 0900 WST
Destination: Moora WA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	1000.0	1300

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On arrival overhead, the pilot observed sheep on the flight strip. He made two low passes in an attempt to clear the sheep. During the third pass the remaining sheep cleared the runway so the pilot decided to discontinue the pass and make a straight in approach for a landing.

The pilot did not complete his pre-landing checks and the landing gear was not lowered. The landing gear warning horn did not sound during the approach, possibly because of a higher than normal power setting.

The aircraft was landed with the landing gear retracted.

The pilot reported that he was distracted by the need to chase the sheep of the strip and he forgot to lower the gear.