Aviation Safety Investigation Report 199601856

Skyfox Aviation Ltd Gazelle

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Occurrence Number:	199601856	Occurrence Type:	Accident		
Location:	27km SE Kowanyama, (ALA)				
State:	QLD	Inv Category:	4		
Date:	Friday 14 June 1996				
Time:	0815 hours	Time Zone	EST		
Highest Injury Level: None					
Aircraft Manufacturer: Skyfox Aviation Ltd					
Aircraft Model:	CA-25N				
Aircraft Registration:	VH-ZEZ	Serial Number:			
Type of Operation:	Non-commercial Aerial Mu	istering			
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial				
Departure Point:	Kowanyama QLD				
Departure Time:	0715 EST				
Destination:	Kowanyama QLD				
Crew Details:					

	Hours on		
Role	Class of Licence	Type Hou	rs Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	25.0	1675

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During low level stock spotting, the engine of the aircraft developed a miss. The pilot suspected water in the fuel and decided on a precautionary landing. During the landing roll in a paddock, the nose gear struck a small tree stump not seen by the pilot. The aircraft nosed over and came to rest upside down. The pilot was not injured.