

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199602271**

**Bell Helicopter Co
Longranger**

11 July 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:	199602271	Occurrence Type:	Incident
Location:	Porpoise Point, VTC Approach Point		
State:	QLD	Inv Category:	4
Date:	Thursday 11 July 1996		
Time:	1430 hours	Time Zone	EST
Highest Injury Level:	Minor		

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Bell Helicopter Co	
Aircraft Model:	206L-1	
Aircraft Registration:	VH-SWL	Serial Number: 45693
Type of Operation:	Charter Passenger	
Damage to Aircraft:	Minor	
Departure Point:	Southport QLD	
Departure Time:	1430 EST	
Destination:	Southport QLD	

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	2000.0	4000

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During the return leg of a standard joy flight at 500ft, an Osprey struck and penetrated the left windscreen. The front seat passenger was slightly injured by impact and suffered cuts from perspex shards. Control of the helicopter was not affected, and the pilot was able to land safely.