

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199603576**

**Ayres Corp
S2R-T34**

02 November 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199603576 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Chinchilla, (ALA)
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 02 November 1996
Time: 1757 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Ayres Corp
Aircraft Model: S2R-T34
Aircraft Registration: VH-JVE **Serial Number:** T34-129DC
Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Agriculture - Other
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Chinchilla QLD
Departure Time: 1750 EST
Destination: Chinchilla QLD

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	1500.0	4600

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The aircraft was engaged in spraying operations over a crop of rock melons. The pilot had not previously sprayed crops at this farm. During one of the spray runs the right wing struck a thin metal pole located at the edge of the paddock. The pilot was able to maintain control of the aircraft and diverted to land safely at a nearby air strip.

The farmer who normally removed the steel pole had forgotten to remove it on this occasion or to notify the pilot of its location.

The 5 to 6 m high pole was constructed of 25 mm square steel tubing. The pilot later said that he saw the obstacle too late to avoid a collision.