

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199603697**

**Britten Norman Ltd
Islander**

07 August 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:	199603697	Occurrence Type:	Accident
Location:	Horn Island, Aerodrome		
State:	QLD	Inv Category:	4
Date:	Wednesday 07 August 1996		
Time:	1058 hours	Time Zone	EST
Highest Injury Level:	None		

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Britten Norman Ltd		
Aircraft Model:	BN-2A-8		
Aircraft Registration:	VH-FCO	Serial Number:	845
Type of Operation:	Charter	Passenger	
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial		
Departure Point:	Unknown		
Departure Time:			
Destination:	Unknown		

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Maintenance personnel reported finding significant damage to the left main landing gear, as the aircraft was being loaded for the return sector of a charter flight. The nature of the damage was consistent with a previous heavy landing. The two pilot operating crew advised that the previous flight sector was uneventful with a normal landing. A company investigation has been unable to determine when the damage occurred. The aircraft was removed from service for repair.