

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199604342**

**Bell Helicopter Co
47G-3B-1 Soloy**

26 August 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199604342 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 15km S Griffith
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 26 August 1996
Time: 1230 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Bell Helicopter Co
Aircraft Model: 47G-3B1
Aircraft Registration: VH-HGM **Serial Number:** 6597
Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Agriculture - Other
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Griffith NSW
Departure Time: 1230 EST
Destination: Griffith NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	525.5	5150

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The pilot was conducting a swath run parallel to a power line, when the tip of one of the main rotor blade made contact with a power pole. The helicopter was subsequently landed without further incident. This occurrence had not been reported.

