

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199500119**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
180K**

18 January 1995

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Occurrence Number: 199500119 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Nowra
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Wednesday 18 January 1995
Time: 0925 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 180K
Aircraft Registration: VH-SAA **Serial Number:** 18053022
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Nowra NSW
Departure Time:
Destination: Moruya NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	ATPL 1st Class	15.0	16000

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The pilot reported he had commenced a takeoff roll on runway 08, after completing pre-takeoff checks and receiving a takeoff clearance. At a speed of about 40 knots, as he pushed forward on the control column to raise the tail, his seat slid fully aft on the seat rails. Although his feet could no longer reach the rudder pedals to maintain directional control, he was able to close the throttle and abandon the takeoff.

The aircraft subsequently groundlooped to the left, collapsing the right landing gear, before coming to rest on the side of the runway.