

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199500425**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Skywagon**

**17 February 1995**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199500425                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Bushy Lagoon  
**State:** QLD    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Friday 17 February 1995  
**Time:** 0704 hours                                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** Minor  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	Total
Crew	0	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** A185F  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-EGB                      **Serial Number:** 18503218  
**Type of Operation:** Charter      Passenger  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Brampton Island QLD  
**Departure Time:** 0625 EST  
**Destination:** Bushy Lagoon QLD

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Senior Commercial	3000.0	16500

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The amphibian aircraft landed on relatively smooth water in a lagoon. As soon as the floats touched the water the aircraft slewed to the left, nosed into the water, and turned over. The aircraft came to rest upside down in about three feet of water. The occupants evacuated the aircraft within half a minute and the pilot activated an emergency beacon. A helicopter responding to the emergency arrived at the scene at about 0940.

Visual inspection of the aircraft after the accident revealed that the left main gear was extended. The pilot stated that he had the correct gear-up indications before landing. An inspection of the aircraft did not reveal any reason for the extended left main gear.

One passenger received minor injuries when fuel affected skin on her legs whilst standing in fuel contaminated sea water.

